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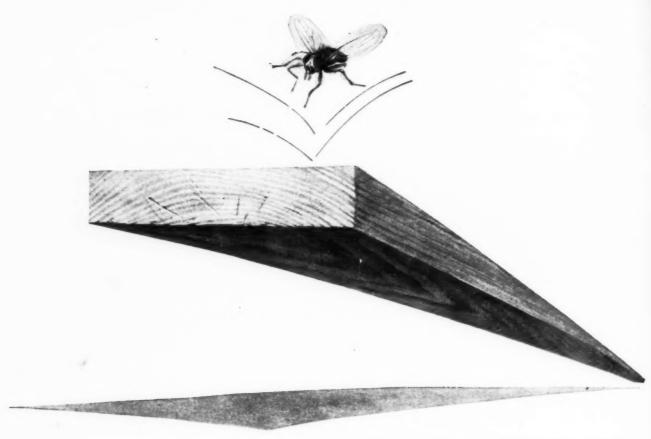
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Our government sanctioned amateur radio as a program that would provide for the development of advanced skills in both technical and communications phases and furnish the public with a non-commercial, voluntary communications service, particularly with respect to providing emergency communications.

The armed services have always been keenly interested in the advancement of the radio-electronic art from a communications standpoint. They know that America must depend upon a reserve of skilled personnel to handle all types of communications in periods of stress.

It is no secret to those close to the situation that the amateur has done little in past years to contribute to the technical advancement of the art. We hams have hesitated to use equipment of high efficiency and confined bandwidth, and we phone hams have ignored the use of speech clippers, filters, and other devices although they

are readily available.

Again, it is no secret that many amateurs are greatly exceeding the power input limitations of 1 kw. Others have not examined the possibilities of the ultra-high frequencies for local communications and continue to use high-power rigs for local rag-

Accordingly, the Federal Communications Commission has proposed new amateur regulations. On page 60 of this issue, we give a brief summary of what may come. It must be pointed out that these regulations have not, as yet, been adopted, and no action will be taken by the Commission before July 20, 1949. All interested parties have until that date to voice their opinions.

Since the announcement of these proposed regulations there has been much wailing and gnashing of teeth among amateurs. Some have gone so far as to claim that adoption of the regulations might actually mean an end to amateur radio.

After a careful examination of the proposed changes, we find little cause for alarm. It is true that present licenses must be renewed, pending the successful passing of an examination, but this should not present much difficulty to anyone who has the experience of a licensed term behind him.

It has always been the rule in ham radio that the greatest privileges go to

those hams who possess the highest qualifications. This is the logic behind these rules.

The code test will be a problem to many operators who have used phone exclusively, but in those cases a short brush-up period should restore the lost code speed without too much difficulty.

Another point that has been raised is the fear that hams will discontinue operations because of the stiffer technical requirements for phone operation on the 75- and 20-meter bands. Surely no one can have valid objections to limiting the bandwidth to that required for intelligibility. The use of a simple filter in a speech amplifier will greatly improve operations on these overcrowded bands.

To our way of thinking, the greatest benefit that will come from these new regulations, if adopted, will be the long-awaited "break" for beginners. They will be greatly encouraged by the new code requirement of five words-per-minute in straight language and will be further encouraged with the simplified examination proposed for the novice class. The possibilities of beginners creating interference will be greatly minimized by power and frequency limitations, together with the requirement for crystal control.

Amateur radio as a whole can be greatly benefited if these new regulations are approved. All of us will have to be more alert to things technical, many of us will have to brush up on our code, and we will finally be forced to employ the latest technical contributions in the transmission art.

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Our country will have greater security with a more alert and aggressive backlog of trained operators. It is going to take a lot to convince many hams that these new regulations are for their own benefit. These will probably be the same ones who are opposed to "new amateur blood" in our ranks.

We are 100 per-cent in favor of any regulations designed to encourage youth to take up ham radio. We are glad to see some concrete action being taken which may serve as the missing link in this respect.

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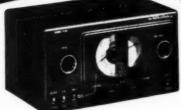
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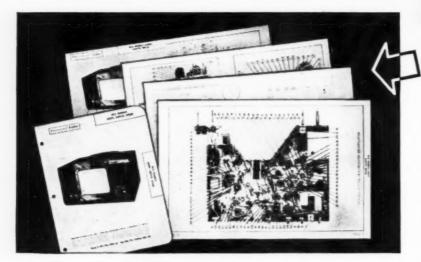
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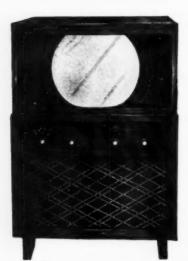
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TV CONTINUES to serve as a keynote in addresses by leading members of industry and government, particularly FCC Chairman Wayne Coy. The spokesman for the Commission, who has become the radio industry's best good-will ambassador, showered plaudits on the might of television during his round of talks around the country in the late spring and early summer months

In New York before the Rotary Club, Coy quoted TV as the . . . "most powerful and most versatile medium ever developed for the communication of ideas, for the dissemination of information, education, culture, and entertainment."

Describing TV as a "revolutionary new type of broadcasting," he said that . . . "by speeding our industrial processes, by facilitating our merchandising methods, by stimulating and informing the mass of our population, this electronic miracle will raise our American standard of living to new heights."

Analyzing the progress achieved by TV, the chairman said that four years ago we had only seven stations on the air, and today we have sixty operating, and as many more under construction. He pointed out that within the next two years, there will be one or more TV stations in every one of the nation's 140 major market areas, and that by the end of 1951, there will be close to 400 stations on the air.

Then Coy went on to detail the attitude of the listeners to TV, saying that . . . "the American people have taken this new art to their heart with such enthusiasm that they have dug down in their pockets and purchased more than a half-billion dollars worth of sets. They are, in fact, buying the sets as fast as they roll off the assembly lines. Industry leaders estimate that by the end of this year there will be 3,000,000 sets produced, and that by the end of 1952 there will be sets in 17,000,000 homes, or half the homes in the nation."

Describing the feelings of advertisers for TV, Coy declared that . . . "we were told by some that television was so costly that few advertisers would be able to afford it. Yet today more than a thousand advertisers are using television. Moreover, it is now becoming increasingly evident that be-

cause of its effectiveness, television advertising may prove to be the cheapest form of advertising, cheapest when measured by sale made per advertising dollar invested."

Although building a television station is an expensive business, the FCC headman said that the Commission has far more demands for channels than it can supply, and . . . "we need more channels for more stations. We have been working for months with the foremost experts in the matter to resolve the technical problems involved. I am hopeful that we can find the solution in the very near future."

In another television progress talk, this time before the *Institute for Education by Radio*, at Columbus, Ohio, Coy predicted that . . . "five years from now most Americans will be getting most of their broadcast information, education, and entertainment from television, and five years from now, 40 per-cent to 50 per-cent of the homes in America will have television receivers."

Coy's enthusiasm for TV has alerted many in industry to his potential virtues as a leader for the art, perhaps as prexy of an industry association like the Television Broadcasters Association. There have been conferences within the TBA to study the possibility. It has been reported that Dr. Allen D. DuMont, first TBA president, was strongly in favor of Coy, if he was available, with quite a substantial salary as an incentive to join the group, perhaps up to three times as much as Uncle Sam is paying now.

THE POSSIBILITY that Coy might accept an industry appointment appeared in his FCC budget report to Congress, in which he declared that he has had to dig into his savings on many occasions to pay for expenses incurred during government trips. Expanding this point, he said . . . "my present salary as a member of the Commission does not meet my personal living expenses, and my resources are inadequate to continue for any great length of time the expenditure of personal savings in order to maintain myself and my family."

FCC salary-increase bills have been introduced, providing boosts of \$2000 to \$5000 for each commissioner, in the hope that such increases would keep



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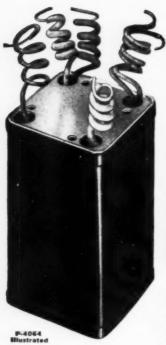
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the men in the Capitol. There were doubts whether these increases would be sufficient to hold the chairman and one or two others to their desks at the New Post Office Building, where the officials preside.

No decision on the part of the chairman is expected for many weeks, since he is scheduled to appear at several pertinent international meetings, the first one in Paris as leader of the American delegation to the International Telegraph and Telephone Conference.

echoed Wayne Coy's deep interest in TV, in an address before the convention of the American Newspapers Association, when he cited the progress made by the video art in its short life, in comparison to other industries. For instance, autos and refrigerators were substantially behind in unit sales and are expected to fall behind even more, during the TV spiral, the broadcast network headman reported.

Trammell also showed that in the early spring there were 1,356,200 sets installed in the ten top cities, with 600,000 in New York, 165,000 in Philadelphia, 126,000 in Los Angeles, 145,000 in Chicago, 81,600 in Boston, 57,700 in Baltimore, 55,500 in Detroit, 44,400 in Washington, 52,000 in Cleveland, and 29,000 in St. Louis.

Additional figures presented disclosed that TV now blankets over 42 per-cent of the nation's families, and around 60,000,000 people are living within service range of TV transmitters. Quite an audience!

AN ULTRA-HIGH plan which could be set up immediately and uses but 10 per-cent of the ultra-high band was described a few weeks ago before the FCC by James A. McKenna, Jr., who offered the plan on behalf of his client, the *Helm Coal Co.*, operator of WN-OW and WNOW-FM, York, Pa., who is seeking Channel 8 for TV.

In the McKenna plan, six channels in the 475-890 mc. band would be spotted in about thirty cities which are not adequately provided for in the present very-high allocations. This McKenna pointed out, approach. would begin to provide the extra channels so urgently needed now, permit the use of the present very-high standards and allow simple convert-ers for pick-up work. Others saw the plan as an answer to the ultra-high test problems now worrying the FCC and industry committees. For with these stations in operation it would be possible to compile invaluable propagation data and other pertinent transmission information now being sought.

THE BRIDGEPORT, Conn., area will soon be the first ultra-high-satellite-station test site, when NBC's 529 mc. transmitter goes on the air. The station, which is expected to radiate about 15 kilowatts, will pick up WN-BT programs from New York and re(Continued on page 111)

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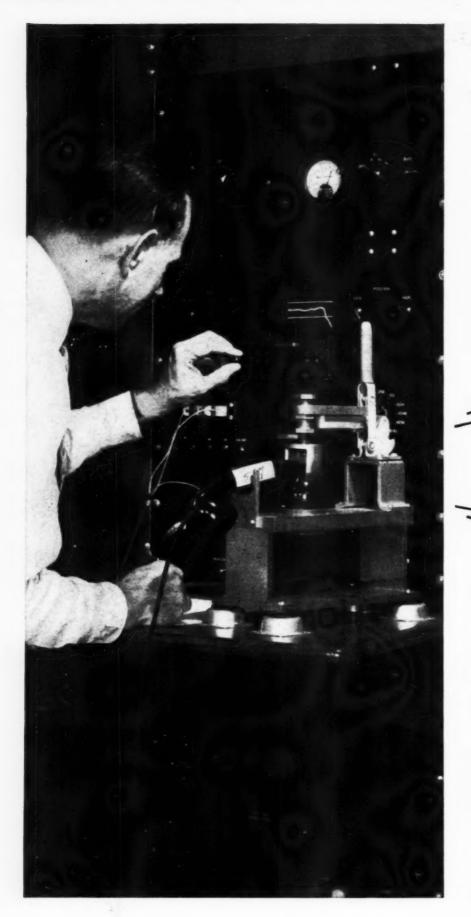
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with the production of electronic, radar, and radiation survey instruments, has been appointed the sales engineer for the Electronics Division of Sylvania Electric Products. Inc.

Before joining the Sulvania engineering staff early in 1946, Mr. Wainwright served with the Navy, and prior to that time, he was associated with E. B. Badger, where he specialized in designing equipment for the petroleum, synthetic rubber, and chemical industries.

Mr. Wainwright is a native of Boston and attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is a member of the American Society of Metals.

H. A. BREWER, as new northwestern district manager for the Westinghouse Home Radio Division, will make his headquarters in Chicago. . . pointment of ANGELO DIDONATO as factory superintendent and assistant to the works manager of the Andrea Radio Corp. has recently been announced. . . . REX D'AGOSTINO, formerly of the Lafayette Radio Store in Newark, New Jersey, is the new national merchandise manager for the company, and in his new post will serve all seven stores located in New York City, the Bronx, Newark, Boston, Chicago, and Atlanta. . . . DONALD B. SMITH will direct the Lewyt Corporation advertising, sales promotion, and public relations in his new post of sales promotion manager. . chief purchasing agent of Littelfuse, Inc., is DAVE SCHAIBLE, whose duties will include the procurement of everything used in the plant from packaging to glass, brass, and zinc elements. Transvision, Inc., New Rochelle, N. Y., has announced the appointment of J. J. SAUNDERS as director of purchasing for the firm.

EDWARD F. KONCEL, a graduate student at Illinois Institute of Technology, was awarded the Charles Le-Geyt Fortescue fellowship in electrical engineering by the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. The \$1500 award covers two semesters of study in power system engineering.

Koncel, who was prominent in extracurricular activities while an undergraduate, received his bachelor's degree at the Institute's February commencement.

The fellowship, which is awarded by the AIEE to the candidate selected from groups of applicants in engineering colleges throughout the nation, was established to honor the memory of Dr. Fortescue, inventor and engineering pioneer, who died in 1936.

FREED TRANSFORMER CO., INC., has announced that its new address is 1718-36 Weirfield St., Ridgewood, Brooklyn 27, N. Y. . . . The firm of COZZENS & FARMER, Raytheon broadcast equipment representative for the Mid-West, is now located at 720 Main St., Evanston, Ill. . . . The entire Chicago service department of the AD-MIRAL CORPORATION has been moved to 201 East North Water St., Chicago 11, Ill. . . . ALMO RADIO COMPANY of Philadelphia has opened a new branch store at 6205 Market St., which will provide key service to customers located in West Philadelphia and the Main Line suburbs. . . RAC, INC., manufacturer and distributor of electronic equipment, has purchased the Peyton Television Company, Glendora, California. It is planned to retain and expand Peyton personnel and plant facilities. A new RAYTHEON MANUFACTURING CO. radio tube warehouse has been established at 1133 Ponce de Leon Ave., N.E., Atlanta, Ga., for the purpose of assuring prompt service to customers in the southeastern area.

LEONARD G. RICH is the newly appointed assistant chief engineer for



the McMurdo Silver Co., Inc., and will assist Douglas H. Carpenter, chief engineer, in the design of the company's new test equipment.

Mr. Rich was for-

merly associated with Crystal Research Laboratories, where he completed various governmental projects. He is a graduate of St. Lawrence University, having received a B. S. degree in physics. In addition, he completed graduate work in advanced electronic physics and electronic engineering at Cornell University.

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ROGER M. WISE, electron tube expert active in tube research and development for *Philco Corporation*, has been awarded the Certificate of Merit by the President of the United States, in recognition of his outstanding war work.

The citation refers to Mr. Wise's accomplishments in connection with the engineering and production aspects of subminiature tubes for proximity fuses. *Philco* was a leading manufacturer of these VT proximity fuses, which were credited with saving London from the V-1 rockets or buzzbombers.

Mr. Wise and his staff of tube engineers recently joined the *Philco* organization to aid in the company's extensive program of research in television, radio, and industrial electronics.

ELLERY W. STONE was elected president at a meeting of directors of the *Capehart-Farnsworth Corporation*, newly-formed and wholly-owned subsidiary of the *International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation*.

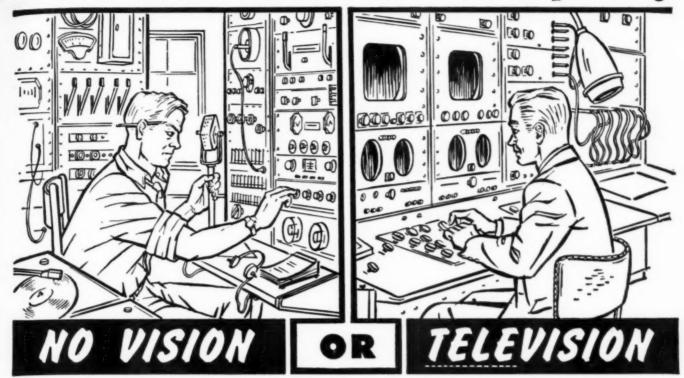
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The election of David R. Hull as executive vice-president was also announced, and Edwin A. Nicholas will act as assistant to the president.

Also elected were Philo T. Farnsworth, vice-president; Henry C. Roemer, vice-president; William Clausen,

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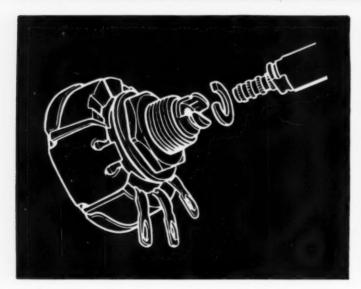
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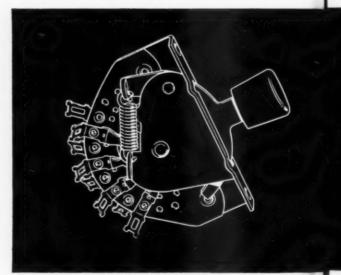
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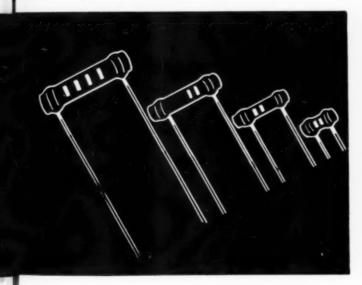
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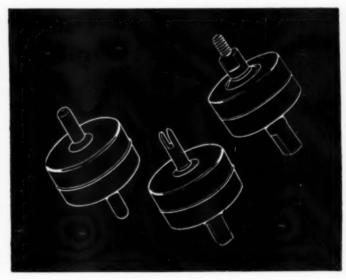
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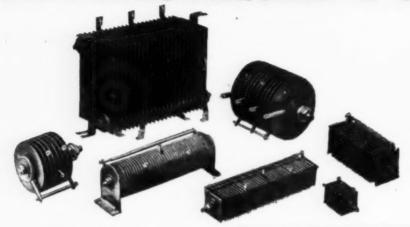


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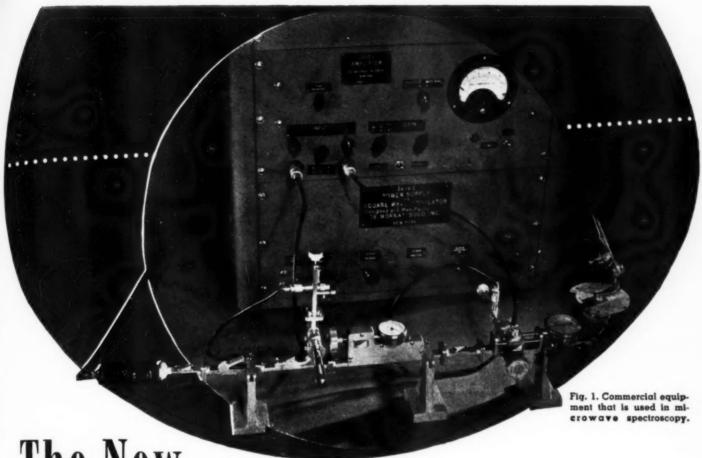
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The New Field of Microwave Spectroscopy

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Modern microwave techniques make it possible to determine the composition of gases, liquids, and solids by observing microwave absorption spectrum.

HE poor propagational characteristics of microwaves on frequencies exceeding about 20,000 megacycles (wavelengths shorter than 1.5 centimeters) have led to developments which make possible extraordinary resolution of the molecules of matter.

Microwave spectroscopy is the technique used to determine the radio frequencies in the microwave region (normally exceeding 20,000 megacycles) which cannot readily or even at all pass through gases, liquids, or solids. Such frequency is measured and is a direct indication as to the identification of the specific molecule of matter contained in such gas, liquid or solid.

Every element of matter can disturb the passage of certain discrete frequencies or wavelengths. wave spectroscopy pertains to the spectroscopic art which falls in the microwave region commencing at a frequency of several thousand megacycles and continuing towards the spectrum of infrared. It is normally a negative indication based on critical frequencies which do not propagate through gaseous elements contained in a wave guide. The inability of specific frequencies to permit the passage of electromagnetic energy through individual elements or through compounds of elements provides a simple and reliable means of determining the presence, identity, magnitude, and relative concentration of molecular elements of matter.

Radio frequencies below about 30 megacycles are capable of reflecting

back to earth from ionized layers aloft. These are sky-wave frequencies. From about 30 megacycles to about 20,000 megacycles, there is a window in the atmosphere which permits direct-path communication without excessive attenuation.

Above 20,000 megacycles, there are encountered the "absorption frequencies." Lying between super-high frequencies and light are the so-called 'black sheep" frequencies, involving absorption and scattering of radio waves by gases in the atmosphere. It has been found that water vapor (H2O) produces molecular resonance at about 22,500 megacycles where propagational losses increase to over .4 db. per kilometer. Oxygen in the atmosphere is capable of providing maximum absorption or attenuation of microwave energy at a frequency of about 60,000 megacycles with attenuation being in the order of 10 decibels per kilometer. It gives fuel to the thought that every element or compound of elements, both known and unknown to science, have absorption frequencies.

In the past, identification of atoms

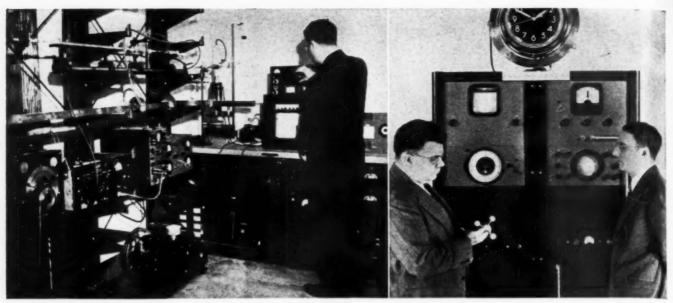


Fig. 2. (Left) Microwave spectroscopy laboratory at the National Bureau of Standards. (Right) Atomic clock controlled by the spectral line of the ammonia molecule contained in wave guide cell coiled around the clock. Dr. E. U. Condon, Director of the Bureau of Standards is at the left and Dr. Harold Lyons, head of the Microwave Standards Section is shown at the right.

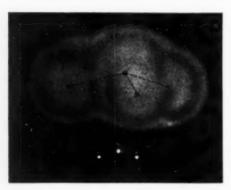


Fig. 3. Structure of ammonia molecule NH3.

and molecules by spectroscopic analysis has been dependent on infrared, optical, and ultraviolet methods. This was largely limited to work on atoms and the simpler molecules. It has not been suitable for analyses of large, complicated molecules such as are encountered in the fields of medicine and industrial chemistry. The heavier molecules, rotating at slower rates, usually have spectral lines which correspond to the frequencies or wavelengths in the microwave region rather than in the infrared, optical, or ultraviolet parts of the spectrum. Infrared is associated with heat, optics with light, and ultraviolet with chemical rays. The larger molecules for which microwaves are considered very promising are the ones associated with plastics, polymers, rubber, textiles, foods, oil, drugs, and biological chemicals, such as vitamins. microwaves are employed, the apparatus may be called a "microwave spectrometer" having a resolution up to 100,000 times greater than an infrared spectroscope. This makes possible the identification of isotopes, such as are supplied to industry and medicine by the Atomic Energy Commission at Oak Ridge, because it can deal with

the nucleus of the molecule. The other methods have been able to deal only with the outer parts of an atom or molecule. As a result, microwaves make possible measurements with very small isotopic samples. To date. about 500 elements or compounds of elements have been analyzed by microwave spectroscopy resulting from absorption or scattering of electro-magnetic waves between 20,000 and 50,000 megacycles. It is only the beginning of a vast amount of research involving extension of the spectrum, working with a greater range of pressure and temperature, and utilizing a greater selection of microwave power in more sizes and designs of waveguide plumbing.

The most interesting molecule likely to have earliest commercial application is that of ammonia. The constant frequency which can be derived from a microwave absorption line of ammonia gas provides an actual time constancy of one part in about ten million. Theoretically, a potential accuracy in the order of billions is indicated depending on the setup employed and the particular spectral line to be employed. It points the way to better utilization of the radio spectrum by reducing or eliminating the need for present, unduly wide, radio channels to take care of frequency

drift.

In the past, one of the problems on microwaves has been precise and narrow frequency control. Quartz crystal oscillators are impracticable, because crystals become too thin and fragile, besides requiring a large number of frequency multiplication stages. Microwave spectroscopy now makes possible frequency stabilization on the higher microwave frequencies with an order of virtual perfection. Atomic oscillators and spectrum lines may be used as filters to give the necessary frequency control and stability. A filter can consist of a cell (such as a sec-

Fig. 4. Locations of the Atomic Energy program in the United States, a large part of which are facilitating their work by the use of microwave absorption phenomena.



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tion of wave guide seal at each end with mica windows transparent to microwave energy) filled with a gas that can absorb many different frequencies. Either bandpass or bandstop filters can be devised by the use of appropriate gas and microwave plumbing. Such filters can be electrically tuned by making use of the Stark effect. This is the name given where an applied electric field such as 100 kilocycles is applied to a metallic strip located in the center of a wave guide and insulated therefrom. It can force a molecule to change its frequency.

quency.
Fig. 3 illustrates the ammonia molecule (NH3) comprising a nitrogen nucleus at the apex and three hydrogen nuclei at the base in the upper part of the figure. The ammonia molecule is in the form of a pyramid. Each nucleus is surrounded by its characteristic electron charge. The average distance between the nitrogen nucleus and each hydrogen nucleus is 1.01 angstroms (one angstrom is a hundredmillionth part of a centimeter, which in turn is .4 inch). The average distance between the hydrogen nuclei is 1.63 angstroms. The pyramid is about 0.38 angstroms high. The apex angle between hydrogen-nitrogen-hydrogen (H-N-H) nuclei is 107 degrees. When the ammonia molecule NH: absorbs energy at one sharply defined microwave frequency, it can turn itself inside out as illustrated by the diagram shown at the bottom of Fig. 3. Fig. 2 (right) illustrates the new atomic clock developed by the National Bureau of Standards, capable of keeping perfect time to within a second for a period of centuries by the use of ammonia molecule primary standard. The gas cell comprises about 30 feet of 1/2" x 1/2" rectangular wave guide tubing wrapped around the clock in To the left of this figure, Dr. E. U. Condon, director of the Bureau of Standards, holds in his hand the model of the ammonia molecule. At the right is Dr. Harold Lyons, head of their Microwave Standards Section, whose group is responsible for this development. The scope portrays the spectral line of ammonia at a fre-

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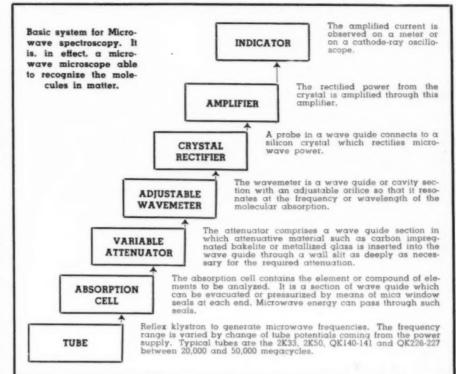
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24139.41	4	27478.00	3	33156.95	1
24532.98	3	27772.52	1	35134.44	1
25056.02	4	28604.73	2	39941.54	1

Table I. Relative intensity versus frequency of ammonia absorption lines as measured against National Bureau of Standards station WWV.

quency of 23,780.1 megacycles. The strongest spectral line of ammonia is called 3,3 absorption line. It corresponds to the quantum transition in which two quantum numbers (called J and K) have the value of 3. The invariant frequency of ammonia, regardless of temperature, controls the timekeeping of the clock.

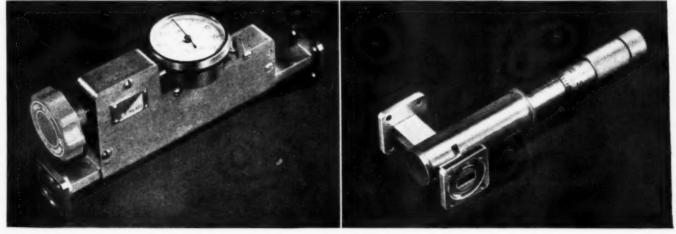
Below 1½ centimeters, the ammonia absorption lines (shown in Table 1) have been measured against the

National Bureau of Standards Station WWV. The strongest (see Table 1) thus far has been 23,870.13 megacycles with a relative intensity of 4.

Fig. 2 (left) shows the microwave spectrometer assembly at the National Bureau of Standards, as it is used to extend the precision and frequency coverage of presently available absorption lines used as frequency standards. The pertinent portion

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Fig. 5. (Left) Calibrated variable attenuator used for microwave spectroscopy. (Right) Micrometer type of wavemeter or frequency meter to measure frequencies employed in microwave spectroscopy.





Throughout the country, knowledge of the presence of television is made inescapable by the sight of antenna masts springing up from the tops of tall buildings. This CBS antenna in New York blends in well with the ultra-modern spire of the lofty Chrysler Tower.

OU ought to get into television now if you want to get in on the ground floor of a growing indus-That's a new voice in today's buzz of contry." versation. How different it is now from a mere two years ago when the comment was: "What-television? Come back and see me in five years. Maybe then I'll talk television to you.

Yes, television suddenly has arrived. Everyone has become television-conscious. Some psychologists are predicting the new medium will have a cohesive effect on the family unit. Others say that it will remove the last vestige of privacy from the home. Movie exhibitors are complaining that business has declined. Hollywood's slump is common knowledge. Everywhere people are wondering what is to become of this young giant-this baby that has forcibly kicked the slats from its crib and, in many instances, is soundly whipping its older brother, radio.

Everyone is television conscious—whether

businessman, professional, or plain

HERBERT S. LAUFMAN

Let's look at the problem singularly. How will television affect our lives . . . and businesses? Will it change advertising as we now know it? Will the movies go out of business? Is vaudeville facing a rebirth? Will radio stations disappear? Is little Willie going to grow up near-sighted?

High school and college educations are being offered via the microwave. Recently an edict was issued that although people attended Mass via television, "it didn't This statement was not meant in a facetious vein. count. The entire nation is stirring and beginning to wonder, "Will this make us a more healthy, wealthy, well-adjusted nation, or in years to come will we find ourselves reduced to pale, myopic, slenderized, tenderized, super-stream-lined, guaranteed-double-your-money-back physical and mental wrecks?

Before this question can be answered, we must understand how completely television will reach into the various corners of this nation.

Obviously, if television were confined to the larger cities, its impact would not be as great as if the pictures were disseminated to every town, village, and hamlet. Today there are sixty-three television stations in operation, and 56 construction permits granted, while 325 applications are awaiting the go-ahead signal from the Federal Communications Commission. There are eighteen cities linked in a network extending from the Atlantic seaboard to the Mississippi River.

By 1951 a coast-to-coast network will be a reality, and stemming from this trans-continental line will be the arteries through which the rest of the nation will receive information and entertainment in sound and picture. Already engineers have developed a method for transmitting this high-frequency television signal so that it may be received more than a hundred miles from the transmitter. It is safe to assume that before many more years, even the most remote areas will be able to receive a television picture.

Confirming this forecast, Dr. Courtnay Pitt, vice president in charge of finance of the Philco Corporation, Philadelphia, said recently that by 1950 production of television receivers should increase to over three million a year. He said over two million receivers would be manufactured in 1949 at a value approximating \$600,000,000.

"By the end of next year," Dr. Pitt stated, "There will be over six million television sets in daily use in American homes. No other industry in the history of America has ever grown with this amazing speed." He estimated that the television industry will expend \$5,000,000,000 in the next four years building and equipping stations and producing receivers, and that this year's television advertising expenditures will triple the \$10 million spent in 1948 on television time and program talent by advertisers. Now about 60,000,000 people are within reach of television service and "there is an immediate potential market for about 14,000,000 receivers in addition to the 1,200,000 already in use. By the beginning of 1950, we believe there will be about 155 television stations in operation serving approximately 80 million people, or over half of the nation's population."

The vicious circle that blocked television in its earlier days has largely been broken. Better programs have been made available by increased advertising revenue, in turn made possible because advertisers feel enough sets. have been sold to make television a worthwhile advertising medium. No longer is the television set a curiosity restricted to barrooms and taverns. Music, variety shows, sporting events, dramas, on-the-spot news reports, tours through museums and educational institutions, and special events telecasts of everything from the stockyards to society weddings have moved television from the category of

a luxury item to that of a near-necessity.

Set manufacturers are today competing for a market which, although eager to buy, is highly selective and economy-minded. According to a recent survey conducted for "American" magazine by Ray Robinson, director of research for the Crowell-Collier publishing company, the market is wide open for manufacturers to cultivate an open market. The survey unearths some very specific reasons why sets are not being bought. These reveal that prices and a feeling on the part of the public that sets will become cheaper and better are compelling obstacles to Here is how they rank percentage-wise: can't afford, 52.65; sets will be improved-will wait, 45.7; sets will be cheaper, 24.1; not interested in present programs, 18.5: no need for additional entertainment, 12.1; lack space for set in home, 6.0; all other reasons 9.5.

The trend of television manufacturing today is toward a better and cheaper set, so that the main obstacle to sales at present, as reported above, will undoubtedly be overcome soon. Whereas in 1947 a mere table model television set cost from \$350 to \$700, today less than \$400 will buy a television set, radio-phonograph combination complete with attachment for the long-playing discs. Portable sets with 7-inch screens are selling for as little as \$135 today, and 16-inch picture tubes are available in console models for a little more than the cost of the table model of a

year ago.

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A factor which influences the set purchase is picture tube size. Unfortunately, too many people feel that television enjoyment is in direct proportion to the size of the

History is only one of the classroom topics to be presented on television. Shown here is a dramatization of the history of railroading, as presented by the television studios of CBS.



July, 1949



Agreement reached with the musicians' union begins the era of live music on television. Above: "Club Television" produced by WGN-TV in Chicago simulates a night club while the studio audience is placed at tables and used as part of the setting.

picture tube and are constantly looking for bigger pictures. When the 7-inch tube made its appearance, they waited for the 10-inch; after the 10-inch tube became available, the clamor arose for the 12- and 16-inch tubes. Now 24-inch and larger sizes are being requested.

The buying public must understand that picture 'tube size is not the regulating factor in their enjoyment of television, any more than the size of a movie screen is an important consideration in their enjoyment of a motion picture. We tend to move farther away from the screen in a large theatre and to sit closer to the front in a smaller house, and none of us feel for a moment that we are being cheated or deprived of the fruits of the program. This is not always evident because the size of the theatre varies with screen size, so although we may always sit in the center of the house, our linear distance from the screen is varied

The same is true in television. You see just as much on 7-inch tube as you do on a 16-inch tube. The only difference is you must sit closer to the set. In line with this, sitting close to a 16-inch or 24-inch tube creates the same effect as sitting too close to a movie screen-the picture is too large for enjoyment and the detail in scanning lines is too apparent for proper perspective. Thus we see that in small rooms, confined areas and intimate surroundings, the smaller tube is the more practical, while a larger picture is required when the viewers are forced to sit further away from the set, or a great number of people wish to watch at the same time.

The increasing numbers of (Continued on page 125)

Plato. Aristotle, philosophy, and the campus come into the home via television talks by Robert Hutchins, University of Chicago Chancellor, and Linn A. Williams, of the Great Books Foundation.



A 10-Meter Mobile

External view of the mobile transmitter with microphone and power supply. Any similar pow-er pack or even a dyngmotor may be used in place of the vibrator type power supply shown,

By RUFUS P. TURNER, KGAI

A low-power, exceptionally "thin" rig that may be stowed in any convenient corner of the car.

UCH can be said in favor of keeping a mobile rig small in size. There is little point in cluttering the car with radio gear unless the owner and his XYL are among the few people who don't care at all about knee space and trunk space. It is a good idea, too, to use low power. This will reduce the additional load on the already hard-worked battery, and you can have a lot of fun with low power if you will operate intelligently.

The 10-meter mobile transmitter described in this article is the result of our determination to build a good lowpowered rig in as thin a cabinet as possible. Measuring 81/2" x 7" x 21/4" over-all, it may be mounted conveniently up under the cowl, behind the driver's seat, on the "shelf" inside the rear window, or even on the inside of one of the doors, without getting in anybody's way. The vibrator-type power supply can be mounted inside the motor compartment under the hood. There is no need to appropriate trunk space for any portion of this transmitter, unless the operator so desires.

The r.f. portion of the rig contains three miniature-tube stages: a 6J6 dual triode is oscillator and doubler, and a 6C4 is the final amplifier. The audio section is a 6C4 speech amplifier, followed by a 6J6 push-pull modulator.

A surplus T17B carbon microphone is employed.

Transmitter Circuit

The complete circuit schematic is given in Figure 2. The first half of the first 6J6 tube serves as a 20-meter crystal oscillator, the second half as a 10-meter doubler. Grid resistor bias (R₂) is employed in the doubler and (R_1) in the final amplifier.

The improvised neutralizing condenser, Co, consists of two 4-inch lengths of No. 18 enamelled wire standing close to each other. length is soldered to the No. 6 terminal of the 6C4 socket and extends through an ample clearance hole in the chassis; the other is soldered directly to the low end of coil L_3 . The capacitance of Co is varied by bending one wire toward or away from the other.

Final amplifier output is obtained

Table 1. Mechanical details of coil assemblies.

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L₄-2 t. No. 18 or 20 d.c.c. w. closewound, self-supporting. Place inside L₃ form opposite L₃ center tap

through the link winding, L, which is connected to the coaxial output jack, J_2 , through the upper contacts of relay RL_1 .

The 6C4-6J6 combination provides sufficient audio to modulate the signal nicely. No a.f. gain control is provided, since tests of the circuit beforehand did not indicate its necessity, and our decision was to eliminate all superfluous components.

A push-to-talk switch is mounted inside the microphone and is available through the special phone plug sup-plied with the mike. When this switch is closed, relay RL_1 closes, applying plate voltage to all stages and connecting coupling coil L, to coaxial output jack J₁. When the push-to-talk switch is released, "B-plus" is removed from the transmitter, and the receiver is automatically connected to the transmitting antenna. The relay may be seen in the upper right-hand corner of Fig. 3. It is a revamped surplus unit which was completely rewound with No. 32 enamelled wire. Any 6-volt d.c. double-pole, double-throw relay may be used in this position, provided it has good contacts and short blades. The "On-Off" switch, S1, disconnects the entire transmitter from the battery during shut-down periods.

The d.c. plate voltage (300 v.) is supplied by a vibrator-type power supply. The power unit shown in Fig. 1 was a revamped surplus unit. Any similar power pack furnishing 300 volts at 100 milliamperes, such as Mallory Type VP-554 Vibrapack, Electronic Model 601, or A.T.R. Type 6, may be used with equal success. Some operators may prefer to use a 300-volt, 100 ma. surplus dynamotor for the job.

Mechanical Construction

The metal case housing the rig is 81/2 inches long, 7 inches wide, and 21/4 inches high. It was picked up on a surplus table, but a case with similar dimensions can be produced by a local sheet metal shop. The shock mounts are Lord No. 3. A case of this size makes a "thin" transmitter which may be sandwiched easily into small spaces. The "chassis" is a 10 ¼ " x 6 ¾ " alu-

The "chassis" is a 10¼" x 6¾" aluminum plate (any other metal may be used), folded to give a 2-inch lip for mounting the tube sockets, crystal socket, and L₂-L₄ coil form. After assembly and wiring are completed, this chassis plate is held to the bottom of the case by means of self-tapping screws.

The final amplifier tank coil, L_1 - L_1 , is mounted vertically, directly behind the 6C4 final amplifier tube. The oscillator and doubler coils are mounted on opposite corners of a ceramic plate salvaged from an i.f. transformer, and can be seen just behind the toggle switch in Fig. 3. The air trimmer condensers already mounted on this plate as a part of the i.f. transformer were cut down to $25~\mu\mu fd$. for C_2 and C_3 . Their tuning screws can be seen in the other corners of the ceramic plate.

Tuning condenser C_7 is seen just below the 6C4 final amplifier tube, and is tuned by means of a short, perpendicular bakelite rod attached to its rotor shaft. Coils L_1 and L_2 are wound on National XR3 forms, L_3 and L_4 on a National PRF-2 form.

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Although the audio transformers are mounted some distance from the tubes, we were not troubled with feedback or r.f. pickup. The grid and plate leads from these transformers run through shield braids, and the other leads are laced together, as may be seen in Fig. 3. An individual builder may prefer a different layout in which the transformers are mounted closer to the tubes.

Adjustment and Tuning

No attempt was made to include an antenna matching network of any kind inside the transmitter, since we wanted to be free to experiment from time to time with various external antenna couplers.

The oscillator and doubler stages may be tuned-up by means of a 2-volt pilot lamp connected to a 2-turn (1/2"-diameter) pickup coil of insulated wire. (1) Couple the lamp loosely to coil L_1 and adjust C_2 for maximum brilliance of the lamp. It will be advisable to check the oscillator frequency at this point with an absorption wavemeter to insure that the crystal is oscillating at its 20-meter frequency. (2) Transfer the loop to coil L_2 and adjust C_3 for maximum brilliance of the lamp. (3) To neutralize the 6C4 stage, remove the plate voltage temporarily to that stage only by disconnecting one of the milliammeter leads. Connect a d.c. vacuum tube voltmeter (or 20,000-ohms-pervolt non-tube voltmeter) across resistor R3, with the oscillator and doubler operating. Adjust the capacitance of neutralizing condenser C_0 until a (Continued on page 115)

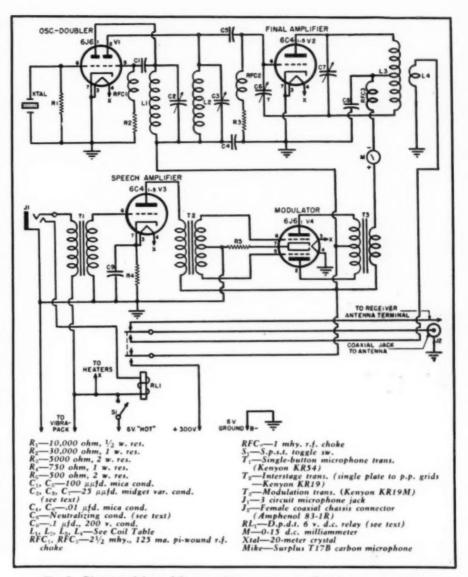
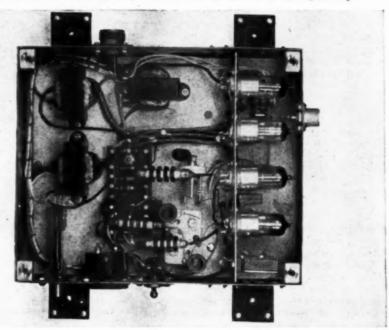


Fig. 2. Diagram of the mobile transmitter—a separate vibrator type power supply producing 300 volts at 100 ma. was used. Power supply is shown in Fig. 1.

Fig. 3. Inside the case—showing all components and wiring. The tubes shown on right-hand side of chassis from top to bottom are V_2 , V_4 , V_2 , and V_1 , respectively.



A must for all uranium prospectors seek, ing the \$10,000 AEC bonuses—these port, able or laboratory type Geiger counters will indicate the presence of radioactivity

Build Your Own GEIGER COUNTER

Fig. 1. The author, using the portable type Geiger counter.

HE rush to find new sources of uranium is on. Although they are not confined to a particular area, as in the great California Gold Rush of just a hundred years ago, the increasing numbers being attracted daily to this newest phase of prospecting promise soon to make the "Forty-Niners" seem a mere handful by comparison. Perhaps the greatest incentive to searchers for radioactive materials is the recent announcement of the Atomic Energy Commission offering a bonus of \$10,000 for the discovery and production of high-grade uranium ore from new domestic deposits and guaranteeing three-year minimum prices for ores of lower grade.

An essential tool for the prospector for radioactive materials is the Geiger-Mueller counter, a device for detecting radioactivity, named after the physicists who pioneered in that field and made the present-day counter possible. While there are various other ways of detecting radioactivity, the procedures are generally so time-consuming that they will not be consid-

ered here. For the serious worker in the field of radioactive materials, whether he is a prospector or experimenter, the radiation detector he is using should be capable of producing instantaneous readings. The modern Geiger counter meets that requirement, and it is with the thought of meeting the needs of those particular RADIO AND TELEVISION NEWS readers that construction details for two types of Geiger counters are offered. One of the counters is a lightweight model for field use, and the other is for use in the laboratory.

Before getting into the construction details, a brief theory discussion on the operation of the Geiger counter will perhaps be of interest. Basically, a Geiger tube consists of a glass envelope, sealed at the ends, with a thin tungsten wire running through its center, and surrounded by a copper cylinder. Lead wires connected to the tungsten wire and the copper cylinder are brought out through the ends or the sides of the glass envelope. Before the glass envelope is sealed, it is

evacuated and various gases are inserted. The glass envelope is placed in a metal tube, covered at one end, and lined with sponge rubber to protect the glass envelope. The opposite end of the probe terminates in a fitting, which in turn makes connection between the leads from the glass envelope and a piece of concentric cable. In operation, the center wire is connected through a resistor-condenser network to the grid of an audio amplifier. Connected to the same center wire through a high resistance is a source of d.c. high voltage. Normally, the gases within the Geiger tube are in a non-conductive state, but when emanations from a radioactive source enter the tube, the gas becomes ionized and a pulse of current flows, which is amplified by the tube of the audio amplifier. If no means were used to stop the flow of current between the Geiger tube elements, the tube would go into a continuous discharge and become useless as a counter. It is at this point that the terms "non self-quenching" and "self quenching" come up for consideration. One method of preventing continuous discharge within the Geiger tube is to insert a resistor of the order of several hundred megohms in the high-voltage lead to the tube. Once the original atomic emanations have ceased, the drop in voltage across the resistor is great enough to restore the tube to

its original state. Another way of accomplishing the same result is to add a vacuum tube to the circuit solely to quench the discharge within the Geiger tube. Both of the above methods come under the classification of non-self-quenching circuits. In a selfquenching Geiger tube, certain gases are inserted in the tube to stop the flow of current between the tube elements the instant the radio emanations stop. While there are proponents of both methods of quenching, after having built several counters of both types, the author is convinced that from the constructor's viewpoint the self-quenching counter is much to be preferred. Many of the foremost manufacturers of Geiger counters use selfquenching tubes in their counters, and the fact that Geiger tubes may be obtained separately from many of the same manufacturers assures the constructor that he may readily obtain this most important item.

Laboratory Type Geiger Counter

The Geiger counter described will prove a very worthwhile addition to the laboratories of those experimenters whose interests extend into the field of nuclear physics. Because of the dramatic way in which the effects of radioactivity are indicated on the instrument, it should be equally valuable in the classroom or wherever else the effects of atomic emanations are demonstrated.

The amplifier consists of a two-stage unit in which the pulses are indicated by flashes on a neon light accompanied by loud clicks in the loudspeaker, or by the neon light alone. This last feature is particularly desirable where the loudspeaker noises might become annoying to the operator over long periods of time.

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The chassis layout is shown in Fig. 3. The author used a standard 7"x11"x2" chassis, but some readers may desire to make their own.

The circuit diagram follows the con-

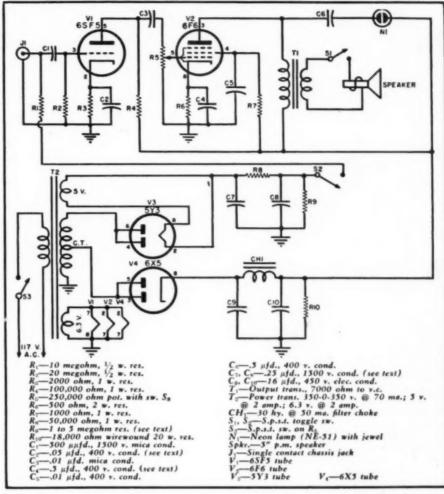
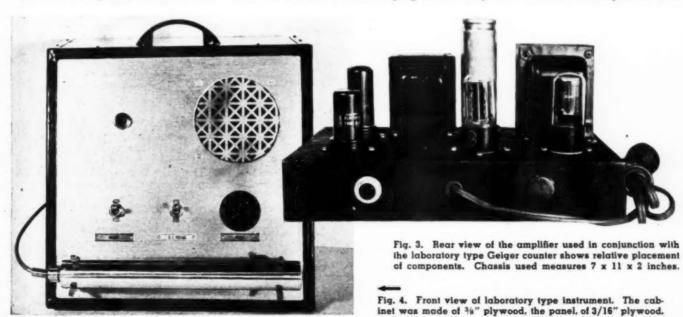


Fig. 2. Schematic diagram of the laboratory type Geiger counter. Radioactivity pulses are indicated by flashes on a neon light and loud clicks in the speaker.

ventional audio frequency amplifier, with the exception of the input circuit and the neon light indicator. Owing to the high value of the grid resistor of the 6SF5 input tube, hum is apt to be pronounced unless the builder makes the input leads as short as possible. A further aid to keeping hum

to a negligible amount is to shield both the grid resistor and the 500 $\mu\mu$ fd. coupling condenser. Since we are not concerned with any particular frequency response, the condensers C_2 and C_3 are much lower in value than would normally be required. In fact, when they were removed entirely there was



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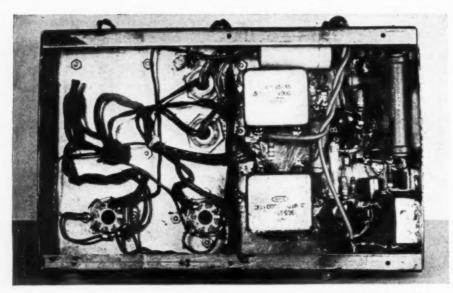


Fig. 5. Under-chassis view of amplifier used in conjunction with laboratory unit.

no noticeable difference in the operation of the amplifier, but they were reinserted to obtain the maximum gain possible from the stages.

The high-voltage leads which extend from the high-voltage power supply and R_1 to S_2 on the front panel should be flexible rubber covered test lead wire and should pass through one of the grommets on the front of the chassis. Leads from S3 and R5 extend through another grommet, with the neon light leads going through the remaining grommet. Leads from the loudspeaker voice coil and transformer go directly to S_1 on the front panel.

The power supply is unique in that it provides high voltage for the counter tube from a conventional lowpower transformer and is similar to some television power supply circuits. The plate voltage for the amplifier tubes is obtained through a 6X5 tube from the center tap of the transformer and an outside lead, which is grounded. The other lead from the transformer is connected through a 5Y3 tube, actand the Geiger tube resistor. Since the current drawn by the counter tube is a negligible two or three microamand will be approximately 1000 volts. Geiger tube can be ignored, the builder has within his means almost perfect regulation of the high-voltage circuit. The voltage available will be detercheck the voltage is to insert a low fier active, yet conserve the Geiger tube when it is not in use. The con-

ing as a half-wave rectifier similarly to the 6X5, then to the filter circuit peres, the voltage available from the 5Y3 tube will approach the peak value And because the current drain of the mined by the current drawn from the power supply and may be regulated to fine degree by varying the value of bleeder resistor R. A simple way to reading milliammeter in series with R, and calculate the voltage from Ohm's law. A switch, S2, is provided in the high-voltage lead to protect the counter tube from surges when the power is first turned on and to provide a standby switch to keep the amplidensers used in the high-voltage filter circuit, C_7 and C_8 , were obtained from war surplus and consists of two .5 µfd, 1000 volt condensers connected in series for each unit.

The layout for the front panel of the cabinet is shown in Fig. 4. The author used 3/16" plywood for the panel and %" plywood for the cabinet, but other materials may be substituted if the builder so desires.

The switches on the front panel should be provided with "On-Off" plates, and the operation of the unit will be greatly facilitated if name plates are provided for the various controls, as shown in the photograph. Any one of the three colored jewels available may be used with the neon light, but the maximum light will be obtained with one of amber color. Where a number of different operators will work with the counter, providing spring clamps on the face of the panel for holding the Geiger tube will be a worthwhile precaution against breakage. It is just as easy to bring the specimens to be tested to the tube as it is to reverse the operation.

The Geiger tube for the laboratory counter should operate at 1000 volts and should be of the self-quenching type. While it would be possible for the counter builder to make his own probe for holding the Geiger tube, it is strongly recommended that both the tube and probe be bought as one unit. An unmounted Geiger tube is generally a rather fragile affair and is easily damaged by one not familiar with

handling them.

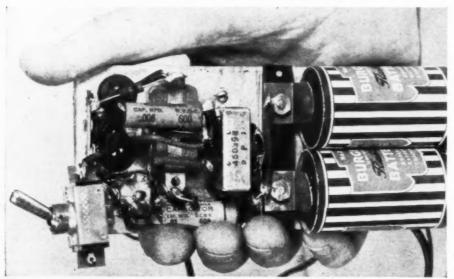
Portable Counter for Field Use

The portable counter is contained in a metal box, 8"x6"x234". The author used 20-gauge sheet steel, but sheet brass or aluminum may be substituted. The whole assembly makes a very compact unit and weighs less than six pounds, including all batteries. In addition to the "A" and "B" batteries which operate the counter amplifier, an additional 900 volts of battery is required for the Geiger tube. While there are two substitutes for the highvoltage batteries, namely, a vibrator unit with a small storage battery, or a radio-frequency oscillator, the added weight and space requirements for either one defeat the very purpose for which a field unit should be designed, that of extreme portability. Since the load on the high-voltage batteries is only a few microamperes, they will last about two years, the estimated shelf life.

The case for the counter is made from sheet metal, shaped as shown in Fig. 1. The carrying strap loops are also shown. Since these loops must, support the weight of the counter, they should be either bolted or spot welded to the case. The "B" battery retainer should be secured to the lower right-hand side of the case, as shown in the assembly view, Fig. 8.

Mount the audio choke and the tube (Continued on page 72)

Fig. 6. The heart of the portable unit is relatively small and compact.



New TV SCREEN Offers Greater Contrast

Improved contrast and less eyestrain are the result of a newly developed cathode-ray tube screen. Tubes using the new screen are now available in 10-and 12-inch sizes and may be used to replace conventional tubes without circuit changes.



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NE of the most persistent complaints voiced by users of television receivers is directed against eyestrain that develops after the screen has been viewed continuously for more than an hour. One of the chief reasons for this trouble stems from the inability of current fluorescent screens to provide images possessing adequate contrast. To see why this is so, let us consider the behavior of a fluorescent screen when bombarded by an electron beam.

In the usual cathode-ray tube screen, the phosphorescent powder is crystalline in structure. When the electron scanning beam impinges on a small group of these crystals, light is uniformly emitted in all directions. (See Fig. 1.) The only desirable direction for the light to travel is toward the viewer. The remainder of the emitted light either travels back into the tube or sideways toward the neighboring crystals. At these other crystals the light suffers reflection and dispersion, with the result that illumination from the crystal or clustered group of crystals directly under the electron beam appears also at other points throughout the screen.

Instead of obtaining a sharply defined spot on the screen, we now see a bright blob of light, with intensity decreasing rapidly with distance in the immediate vicinity of the bombardment point, and then slowly as the distance becomes relatively great. This behavior has the effect of causing black areas in the image to appear grayish in color, sometimes referred to



The author with a production model of the new, direct-view television tube.

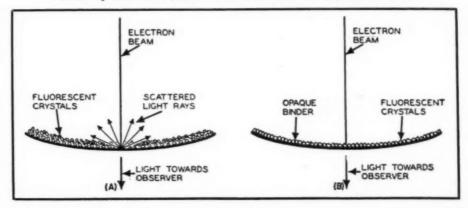
as a washed-out black. An observer viewing an image on a conventional cathode-ray tube screen under normal light conditions in the home finds that he must set the contrast control at a point which provides excessive illumination of the white portions of the image in order to achieve what he considers adequate contrast. Actually, as a moment's reflection will indicate. the blacks do not become blacker by this action; in fact, they become more grayish in shade due to the greater amount of reflected and scattered light. However, the illusion of deep black is created because of the eye fatigue resulting from the greater intensity of the whiter portions of the image.

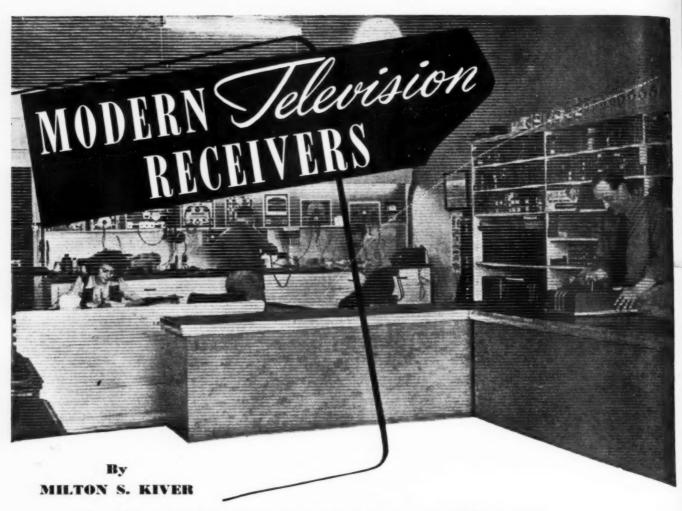
It was to combat this undesirable light scattering that research at the Tube Division of American Television,

Inc., was directed. The objective was to imprison and localize the light created by the electron beam on the luminescent screen so that side dispersion was entirely eliminated. Investigation revealed that the use of an opaque powder such as manganese dioxide in combination with sodium metasilicate dispersed among the phosphorescent crystals works in a satisfactory manner. The manganese dioxide provides a barrier between the luminescent particles, the latter being exposed only on the back for impingement of the electron beam and at the front for suitable luminescence in the formation of the image. The opaque material acts to confine the light emitted from each crystal to the crystal itself, so that a white picture element

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Fig. 1. A relative comparison of the light ray scattering in a conventional cathode-ray tube screen (A), and a television tube with corrected screen (B).





Part 16. Servicing techniques for Intercarrier TV systems, comparing various problems encountered this stage tests in these receivers and conventional TV sets.

HE differences between the conventional and Intercarrier television systems will necessitate some changes in the servicing technique of these latter receivers. In Intercarrier sets we know, for example, that the picture signal must be present at the video second detector in order for the 4.5 mc. beat note to be developed. Thus, if no sound or video output is obtained from a receiver, but a scanning raster is present on the screen, the difficulty may exist at one of two places. There is a possibility that no video carrier is being transmitted by the broadcast station and this may quickly be checked on another receiver. This second receiver, should preferably employ the conventional television system, although a set operating by the Intercarrier method will also serve satisfactorily. Absence of any image on either of these receivers indicates that no video signal is being received from the station. Another test that immediately suggests itself is to switch to another channel on the same receiver and to note whether any image is obtained.

If it is found that a video carrier is being transmitted, but neither sound nor image output is obtained from the receiver, the difficulty must lie in one of the stages preceding the point of separation of the 4.5 mc. audio signal from the video system. Check the schematic diagram of the receiver to determine exactly where this point is. In some sets it occurs at the output of the first video-frequency amplifier; in others it occurs just prior to the cathode-ray tube. See Fig. 1. Wherever it is, work from this point forward toward the front end of the re-Tubes are checked first. If ceiver. these are good, then an AM signal generator should be used to determine where the signal path is broken. Remember that the appearance of an image on the screen is not dependent upon the presence of the sound signal. To test the video-frequency amplifiers, connect an audio oscillator across the video detector load resistor and observe whether black and white horizontal bars appear across the screen. See Fig. 2. These will be seen if the videofrequency amplifier is operating. If

this stage tests okay, we turn next to the i.f. system. To test the i.f. system, all we need do is set an AM signal generator at the video carrier intermediate frequency, amplitude modulate this with the internal 400-cycle or 1000-cycle note of the generator and watch for the appearance of black and white bars on the screen. Any one of the AM signal generators on the market covering the i.f. range (20-35 mc.) would be suitable. Start at the i.f. stage nearest the video second detector and progressively move toward the mixer until the defective stage is located. To test the r.f. end of the receiver, if this becomes necessary, connect the output leads of an r.f. signal generator to the input terminals of the receiver. Set the generator at the video carrier frequency for the channel to which the receiver is tuned. This signal should also be amplitude modulated. If the r.f. amplifier, mixer, and local oscillator are operating, black and white bars will again appear across the screen. If this indication is absent, check tube voltages, especially the grid voltage of the oscillator.

The appearance of an image on the screen, with no accompanying audio, will almost invariably mean that the trouble lies in the sound system. This includes the 4.5 mc. amplifier, the FM

detector, and the audio amplifiers. Conversely, the appearance of sound but no image means that the video path, following the point of separation, is open. See Fig. 3. This may include a video amplifier tube (if any), the cathode-ray tube, or coupling con-densers and resistors. The amplifier tube is best checked by substitution. The cathode-ray tube is checked by inspection, noting whether or not a raster is visible and whether rotation of the brightness control has any effect on the raster intensity. Affirmative answers to both these questions indicate that the cathode-ray tube is okay. The simplest remaining method of finding the break is by means of an oscilloscope. Start at the separation point and move toward the grid (or cathode) of the cathode-ray tube, noting where the video signal disappears. See Fig. 4. At this point employ resistance and/or voltage checks to localize the defective component.

The foregoing defects will present few difficulties to the service technician as long as he understands the basic operation of the Intercarrier television sound system. A far greater headache is the appearance of a 60cycle buzz from the sound channel. A common complaint made by the customer is that the set was operating properly when first bought, but that it now contains a buzz which is present only while the station is on the air. If the station goes off the air or the set is switched to a channel on which there is no station, the buzz disappears. Here are the causes for this annovance and how it may be corrected. (Not infrequently, service technicians will be called upon to service brand-new sets which also possess this buzz. method of attack for these receivers is the same as that for the above receivers.)

In the preceding discussion outlining the basic operation of sets employing the Intercarrier system, great stress was placed on the fact that the level of the sound carrier should be considerably lower than the level of the video carrier. One reason for this was due to the amplitude modulation that would be imparted to the 4.5 mc. beat note if the two carrier levels became comparable in amplitude. When this modulation becomes great enough, the audio system is unable to eliminate it, and the audio output becomes distorted. This, essentially, is the main reason for the appearance of the 60cycle buzz. At some point prior to the sound take-off point, the sound signal receives enough amplitude modulation to appreciably affect the FM detector.

The buzz frequency is 60 cycles because the amplitude of the synchronizing pulses is considerably greater than any other single component of the video signal and if the FM signal is amplitude modulated at all, it is generally by the 60-cycle vertical pulses or the 15,750-cycle horizontal sync pulses. Since a frequency of 15,750-cycles is inaudible to most people, only the 60-cycle buzz is noted.

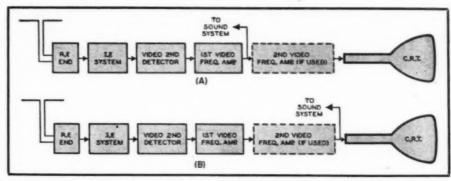


Fig. 1. Block diagrams show the two points of signal separation most commonly used in Intercarrier sound system television receivers.

Appreciable amplitude modulation may occur in any of the video-frequency amplifier stages following the video second detector. These video amplifiers usually are designed to operate with a fairly large grid swing. However, any significant change in operating voltages will cause the amplification and transconductance of these stages to vary considerably under the influence of the video and sync modulation of the television signal. Any significant variation in amplification will produce amplitude modulation of the 4.5 mc. beat note signal. Hence, proper operation of these stages is most important. Overloading due to a decrease in the emission of one of the video tubes, a change in bias voltage, or a decrease in plate or screen grid voltages (due either to the power supply or to a change in the component parts values) will all cause the appearance of this 60-cycle buzz. Thus, as a first step in eliminating this annoyance, check the screen, plate, and control grid voltages of the video amplifiers, and compare these with the values specified by the manufacturer. A variation of more than 10 per-cent can be significant.

Another cause for amplitude modulation of the 4.5 mc. signal is overloading of the i.f. amplifiers. When overloading occurs, the gain supplied the sound carrier varies with the video and sync modulation. Here again check the tube voltages to determine whether the stage is operating as specified by the manufacturer. The audio buzz may appear only when the contrast control is too far advanced, disappearing when the control is set at a lower video level. In this case, insertion of an attenuation pad between the transmission line and the receiver will decrease the incoming signal strength to the point where advancing the contrast control to maximum will permit a good image to be obtained without resulting in the audio buzz.

Buzzing may also be due to improper alignment of the 4.5 mc. take-off coil or of the FM detector transformer. In nearly all Intercarrier receivers, some amplitude modulation is imparted to the 4.5 mc. beat note. When the sound system and the FM detector transformer are properly aligned, the system is in its optimum operating condition for eliminating the effects of any small amount of amplitude modulation in the 4.5 mc. signal. Any deviation from this aligned condition will decrease the ability of the system to combat interference. Hence, carefully check the frequency response and line-

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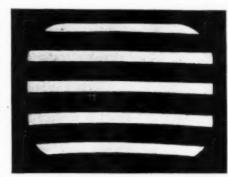


Fig. 2. Indications that are shown on the image tube screen when the tests covered in the article are performed.

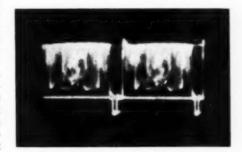
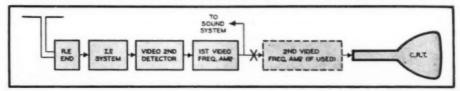


Fig. 4. The video signal at the grid of cathode-ray tube, as it appears on oscilloscope.

Fig. 3. The appearance of normal sound output but no picture indicates that the defect exists in the second video amplifier (if any) or the cathode-ray tube circuit.



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T WAS well after one-thirty when Mac, just back from his lunch period, strolled into the service department of his radio shop. He ran straight into an accusing look from Barney, his apprentice, who stood at the service bench pointedly tapping his foot and glancing at his wrist watch.

"Boy!" Mac exclaimed, blandly ignoring this act and mopping his face with a handkerchief, "it's hotter out in that sun than a ballast tube's shell!"

"You can talk plainer than that, and don't try to evade the subject," Barney said sternly. "Where have you been loafing?"

"Say, Red," Mac said, ignoring the question completely and speculatively eyeing the boy's glowing thatch, "would you mind wearing some kind of a cover, say a snood, over that hair of yours these hot days? Every time I look at it, I feel just as though I were sitting in front of an open fire—.

"Oh, all right!" he suddenly broke down with a chuckle. "If you won't dock me this time, I'll tell all. The first and third Tuesday in every month, a gang of us radio service technicians have an informal little get-together over at The Dutchman's during our lunch hour. Every guy buys his own dinner; but after lunch, while we are messing around with the dessert, we talk about some phase of the service game. Each meeting we try to talk about a different subject. Today we had cherry pie a la mode and advertising."

"Who started all this?" Barney asked suspiciously.

"Well, I guess I did; and I'm glad," Mac replied. "It's working out even better than I hoped. It is funny how that so-and-so down the street, who was a chiseling, price-cutting, coldsolder-joint radio butcher before you met him, can turn out to be a pretty good sort when you look at him over a bowl of chili or a big plate of spaghetti-and-meat-balls. It's strange. too, how you find out that he is getting gray hairs wrestling with the same problems you have, and how just talking things over with him seems to shrink those problems down to size. We are picking up new members every meeting day, and I should not be surprised if this thing grew into some kind of a service technicians' organization one of these days.'

"Did you get any new ideas on advertising along with that cherry pie?"
"Lots of 'em," Mac admitted promptly.

"For instance?" Barney prouded.

"For one thing, we decided that the old saw about word-of-mouth advertising's being the very best kind for a radio service business needed considerable qualification. That sort of publicity has a lot of variables over which the service technician has no control. Its worth depends on how gabby your customers are, how many friends they have, and so on. In a large city, where very little neighboring goes on, the effectiveness of this kind of advertising is considerably less than in a smaller community where the people do more talking to each other.

"Now do not get the idea that we are opposed to doing good work and behaving courteously so that our customers will recommend us to other people. Far from it! What we decided was that it was foolish to depend entirely on that kind of a business-builder. At

best, it needs lots of time to do its good work. After a business is well established, word-of-mouth advertising can do much to keep it going; but other types are required to launch a new business or to pep up a puny one." "What are some good types?"

"Archie, of Archie's Radio Service. has spent more money on advertising than anyone else in town, and he has kept a pretty close watch on results; so all of us were interested in his opinions. He says that his most spectacular results come from direct-mail advertising. Those return-postage double-cards give you a chance to see exactly what results you are getting. He pointed out, though, that you had to watch little things in that kind of advertising. For example, he found that cards addressed by hand to specific persons brought in a far greater return than those addressed on a typewriter or those sent to the 'occupant' at a certain address. Apparently a lot of other people just glance at the less personal ones and throw them into the wastebasket.

"He says that about the next best thing for quick results is a good-sized 'special' ad in a newspaper. For example, a Spring or Fall flat-rate, 'clean-and-check' offer invariably gets good results for him."

"How about running a small ad

regularly?"

"Bill has a special angle on that sort of thing. He calls it 'riding the coattail of the national advertisers.' that he means that he tries to tie in his own advertising with national advertising by big companies. As an example, the tube manufacturers have spent millions of dollars implanting in the minds of the people that good tubes mean good reception, and proof of how well they have done their job is contained in how often we hear that phrase, 'I think it must be a tube.' Bill runs a little ad continuously that simply says he tests tubes free of charge-meaning tubes out of the set, of course. He says this inexpensive little ad pays for itself in tube sales alone; but it also makes many new contacts for him and brings in several repair jobs when it is found the trouble is not in the tubes.

"Does Archie think those big-as-abed-sheet calendars he puts out pay

"Yes, he is convinced that they do. He says that lots of people who call him say that they noticed the calen-Those jobs cost better than a dollar each, and he says there are several angles to be considered. For one thing, he tries to put them into banks, beauty shops, license bureaus, and barber shops, as well as taverns, garages, and pool rooms. That means that the picture must be one that is acceptable in any company. In short, 'cheesecake' pictures are out. Another important point is to have the calendar hung in a good place. That is why he always 'happens' to have a tackhammer with him when he distributes &

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By HARRY R. HYDER, W3NVL

A transmitter-receiver combination featuring crystal control of the transmitter on 144 mc. band.

VER since we acquired a car, the urge to "Go Mobile" has become more and more insistent. Within a short time (about two days!), we had reached the point where we were convinced that life would be empty and unbearable without a rig in the car. Obviously, something had to be done. But-which band? What kind of a rig? How much power? What about the receiver? All these questions had to be answered. The question of which band was most easily answered. The thought of battling the QRM on ten meters with a few watts and a whip antenna was anything but appealing. Six meters, in this area, is not very thickly populated. The 144 mc. band seemed the logical choice for the following reasons: In urban areas, there are usually a number of stations on the air every night, the QRM problem is not severe, high power is not needed for local QSO's, and several of our friends had mobile rigs which they operated with great success.

Since the ampere-hour capacity of an automobile battery is slightly less than the local power lines, power drain is a prime consideration. We toyed with the idea of installing a surplus PE-103 dynamotor—until we heard

that the thing drew 21 amps! Then we remembered that the car's broadcast set had a power supply capable of giving 275 volts at 100 mils and drew only 10 amps from the battery, including filaments. If we could utilize this, our power problem would be solved. But would this be enough? More of that later. Investigating the radio, we found that it was a very easy matter to install a d.p.d.t. toggle switch on the broadcast set, transferring "B plus" and filament voltage from the set to the two-meter rig. We had our power supply.

This left the rest of the rig to be designed. Now, anyone going on two meters with a modulated oscillator and radiating superregenerator is going to be as unpopular as the young man in the Lifebuoy ads; so nothing less than crystal control and a superhet receiver were considered. At first, we were rather doubtful of our ability to design a crystal-controlled transmitter with modulator, yet keep the battery drain down to 100 ma., but with judicious allocation of the precious milliamperes the job was done.

The receiver portion is shown in Fig. 2. It was decided to make the receiver audio do double duty as a modulator in

portant factor, and filament drain. The voltage amplifier is one-half of a miniature 12AT7 (the other half has a peculiar function and will be described later), and the power amplifier is a 6AQ5, which is our old friend the 6V6 in miniature. The modulation transformer system is interesting: it consists of two ordinary plate-to-voice coil output transformers, T_2 and T_3 , connected "back to back." This scheme was described in detail by the writer on page 51 of the January 1946 "QST," and was peculiarly suited to our application, since a s.p.d.t. section of the push-to-talk relay, RL, connects the secondary of the first transformer directly to the voice coil of the speaker on receive, and to the other transformer on transmit, where the audio voltage is stepped up again and used to modulate the Class C amplifier. The efficiency of each of these transformers was measured to be slightly over 80 per-cent, so there is a small loss of audio power over a single modulation transformer, but since three watts of audio will completely modulate the transmitter, and the 6AQ5 can put out almost five watts, this was not considered important. The audio system turned out to have much more gain than necessary (the 12AT7 has a mu of 55), so some of it was thrown away on inverse feedback, cleaning up the distortion considerably and making the matching less critical. The audio range was purposely limited to 300-3000 cycles by using low-capacity coupling condensers and rather high audio plate bypass condensers. The audio input transformer is one of the familiar microphone and single plate-togrid transformers, made by most transformer companies expressly for this purpose. The single button carbon mike gets its voltage from the 6AQ5 cathode circuit, through an R-C filter. Two 105 volt voltage regulator tubes, miniature OB2's, are included to stabilize the voltage on the modulator screen, crystal oscillator plate, and local oscillator plate.

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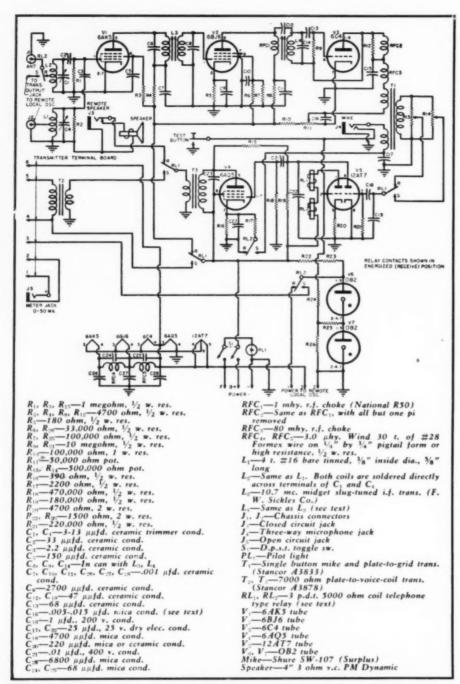


Fig. 2. Diagram of receiver and modulator. The receiver oscillator is separate.

The transmitter section shown in Fig. 5 posed quite a problem, until we heard of 48 mc. crystals. This reduced our requirements to an oscillator, a single tripler, and a final amplifier. It was decided to use triodes all the way through, since there are a number of types which operate efficiently at v.h.f. Both the 12AU7 and 12AT7 were considered, but their basing did not lend themselves to push-pull amplifier operation. This left the 6J6 and the 7F8; the latter was chosen because of its large base, which would permit better parts placement. The Western Electric 2C51 could also be used, but it is expensive and not readily available. One 7F8 is used as an oscillator-tripler, and the second, as a push-pull Class C amplifier. The oscillator circuit is conventional, except for the inductance in series with the crystal. This circuit is recommended by the crystal manufacturer and should give no trouble, as long as the oscillator plate voltage is held down to 150 volts. The tripler is likewise conventional. Both stages are tuned by 3-plate midget air trimmers, with the coils soldered directly to the condenser terminals. The tripler grid is tapped down half way on the oscillator tank circuit, L2. The amplifier is inductively coupled to the tripler, and the two leads from the amplifier grid coil, L, are "crossed over," to permit easier mounting of the two neutralizing condensers, Co, Cr, which are both 1.5-7 µµfd. ceramic trimmers. The amplifier plate tuning condenser, C, is a three-plate "butterfly," with %" wide

brass strips soldered to each stator as. sembly. These strips have low induct. ance, giving good tank circuit efficiency. The tank coil, Ls, is mounted at one end of the strips and the other ends go to the tube plate terminals The output link, Lo, includes a 3-30 uufd. air trimmer, for adjustment of load coupling. The transmitter is built as a sub-assembly for easier construction and servicing and may be removed quite easily. Power connections are made to a terminal board on the innerrear drop of the chassis. The trans. mitter output goes to a midget coax jack, J. A 6-inch length of RG58U coax, fitted with a plug, comes from the antenna change-over relay on the main chassis to this jack. It can readily be seen that the transmitter is really an independent unit, and can be removed and used as a driver for an 832 or 829 at the home station. The measured power output of the coax fitting turned out to be 3.1 good, healthy, r.f. watts, and the total "B" drain on transmit, including modulator, was 95 ma. Success!

The Receiver

This was a different sort of problem. Power drain would naturally be lower, but sensitivity and selectivity were prime considerations. Any form of superregenerative detector operating at 144 mc. was rejected, since its selectivity would not be adequate. But a straight superhet would require too many tubes and tuned circuits to give adequate gain. So we compromised on the familiar superregenerative superhet, with one stage of i.f. operating at 10.7 mc. The measured selectivity of the receiver is less than 200 kc. at 10 times down, which is good enough for the present state of the band and yet does not require extremely fine tuning which would be impractical in mobile work. The measured sensitivity is 15 microvolts for 10 db. (power) of quieting; and the leakage from a Ferris 180 signal generator, a fraction of a microvolt, can be heard distinctly. The circuit is conventional except for one thing; and that is that the receiver is tuned remotely, by the small unit seen to the right of the rig in the photograph. What does this unit contain? Nothing but the receiver's local oscillator! Our reasoning went something like this: tuning must be done from the driver's seat. Yet, the whole rig could not be installed there, since there was not room enough. How about a remote r.f. head mounted on the steering column with the rest of the rig in the trunk or behind the rear seat! Better, but there were too many cables going around. Then the idea hit w like the proverbial ton of bricks. Why not mount the local oscillator on the steering column and pipe it to the rest of the rig, wherever that might be through a hunk of coax? A 6C4 as an oscillator can put out a couple of watts, and even allowing for a great deal of attenuation in the coax, enough should be left at the receiver for efficient conversion. And since only one r.f. tuned circuit was contemplated in the receiver proper, this could be permanently tuned to 146 mc., and the loss in gain at 144 and 148 mc. would be negligible. This remote-oscillator system was tried and worked perfectly. As an experiment, a 100 foot coil of RG58U coax was connected between the oscillator and the rest of the receiver. No decrease in sensitivity was noted. The oscillator circuit shown in Fig. 7 is conventional, except that a hairpin tank circuit made of 1/8" outside diameter copper tubing is used. A 3-13 µµfd. ceramic trimmer condenser is used as a band setter and a twoplate condenser is used for tuning. The hairpin has a right-angle bend to get it to fit into the case. The oscillator is coupled to the coax line by another, smaller hairpin. The coupling is adjustable by bending the smaller hairpin. Getting to the receiver proper, shown in Fig. 2, the mixer is a 6AK5, with grid-leak bias. The first i.f. transformer is a midget slug-tuned 10.7 mc. unit, originally intended for FM set use. The i.f. amplifier is a 6BJ6, which has a 150 ma. filament and lower grid-plate capacitance than a This is important, since the gain of this stage is rather high. A 6AK5 was first tried, but did not give as much gain before oscillation set in. The 6BJ6 plate load is a 1 mhy. r.f. choke, and it is capacitively coupled to the 6C4 superregenerative detector. The detector coil is a unit similar to the first i.f. transformer, with one winding removed. It is not really necessary to remove the other winding, as long as it is tuned quite far from 10.7 The detector circuit is conventional and superregenerates smoothly with 25 volts on the plate. It pays to experiment with the value of C_{15} (Fig. 2), since this has a great effect on the detector operation. The optimum value will fall between .005 and .015 ufd., and the smallest value consistent with smooth operation should be used. The one used in this unit is .0068 µfd.

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Push-to-Talk Circuit

Push-to-talk is a necessity in mobile operation. At the home station this could be done quite simply with a single relay, but in this rig numerous circuits had to be switched to accomplish changeover. The obvious answer would be to use a couple of 6 volt d.c. relays operated by the push-to-talk button on the microphone. To this there was only one drawback-it was also desired to operate the rig at fixed locations from a 110 volt, 60 cycle power supply. And relays which operate from either a.c. or d.c. of the same voltage are not to be had. Then one day, while looking over the surplus counter at the local radio store, we came across some high-resistance telephone-type relays. These had 5000 ohm coils and closed on about 10 ma. We were struck with the idea of running them off "B plus." This had two disadvantages: first, it put the full "B plus" voltage across the push-to-talk switch when open and also robbed us of 10 ma. of our precious "B" current. The latter was most important in transmit position, since on receive the total "B" drain was only about 65 ma. We solved this by having the relays energized in the receive position rather than in transmit. The first problem was solved by using the other section of the 12AT7 audio amplifier to control the relays. Here is the way it works: the two relays (two had to be used, since not enough contacts were available on one) are connected in series in the plate circuit of the control tube. A high resistance, R_{20} , is placed in the cathode, and ordinarily the tube would be close to cut off and the relays not energized. But a positive voltage, about 25 volts, obtained from a highresistance voltage divider, R25, R26, across one of the voltage regulator tubes, is applied to the grid of the control tube, counteracting the cathode bias and causing the tube to draw enough current to energize the relays. This is the condition in receive posi-The push-to-talk switch is connected from grid to ground. When this is pressed, the positive voltage on the grid is short-circuited to ground, the tube returns to its non-conducting state, and the relays open, switching all the circuits to transmit. This may sound very complicated and no doubt is, but it does the job. If you think you can do any better you are welcome to try. Each relay is a 3 pole, doublethrow affair. One of the relays, luckily, had a set of ceramic-insulated contacts, and this was used for antenna changeover. At first it was suspected that the antenna relay would introduce considerable loss, but the actual measured loss was less than .2 watts. which is a small fraction of the 3.1 watts which the transmitter puts out.

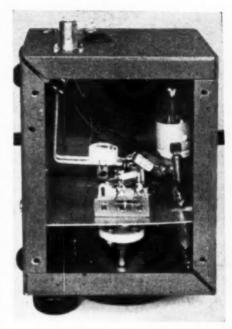


Fig. 3. Interior of receiver oscillator. See Fig. 7 for wiring diagram.

Of course, in any mobile installation, size is an important consideration. In the junkbox, we discovered an 8" x 8" x 12" metal cabinet, which had been used for some forgotten purpose in prewar days. With some misgivings, we attempted a layout in this re-stricted space. Happily, through the choice of midget tubes and components wherever possible, we were able to achieve a layout which included everything necessary, yet permitted easy wiring and assembly. The cabinet was fitted with four surplus Lord shockmounts, to help the rig take the inevitable jolts and jars of mobile work. The standard chassis size for this cabinet would be 7"x9"x2", but

Fig. 4. Top view of receiver and transmitter. Meter switch is mounted on a bracket.



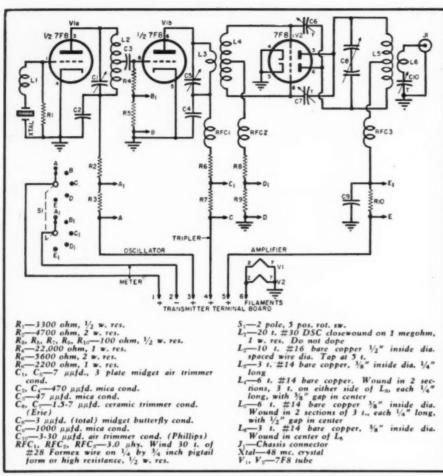
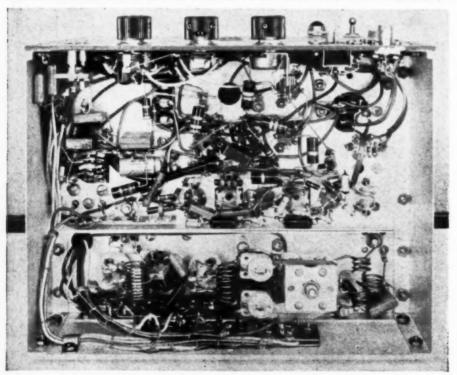


Fig. 5. The r.f. portion of the transmitter. A 48 mc. crystal is used with a tripler.

this did not seem large enough. So a chassis was bent up from .040" 52ST half-hard sheet aluminum. Aluminum is very easy to work and is a good

conductor. The construction of the chassis is apparent from the photographs. It measures 7% deep, 10" long, and 2% high, and was built in

Fig. 6. Underchassis view, showing r.f. portion of transmitter along bottom of photograph.

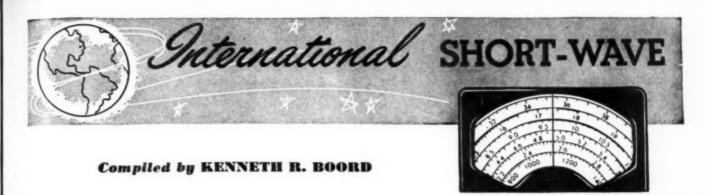


about an hour using merely a pair of shears and a vise, with a couple of short lengths of iron angle to assist in the long bends. After the mounting holes were drilled, the chassis pieces were dipped in a caustic soda solution to give the familiar "frosted" finish, and the outer surfaces only were given a coat of clear lacquer to prevent finger marks. The 8"x10" panel was made from thicker aluminum and was given two coats of gray Duco, sanding between coats. Of course, a larger standard panel and chassis may be used if the reader has qualms about sheetmetal working.

The transmitter sub-assembly is mounted at the rear of the chassis, and the receiver-modulator at the front. This may be readily seen in Fig. 4. All of the transmitter tuning adjustments are made from the top of the chassis with a screwdriver, since the necessity for changing frequency is slight, and only bloated capitalists own more than is mounted on an aluminum bracket over the oscillator-tripler tube, since one 48 mc. crystal! The meter switch this is the only space which could be found for it. The meter jack is on the front panel, however, and is spaced one inch behind the panel on a strip of bakelite, since both sides of it are All of the other controls are "hot." mounted on the front panel. At the far right are the antenna jack (standard size coax), the local oscillator input jack (midget coax), the main power jack, and the oscillator power jack (both Jones type). On the upperright corner of the panel is the "B plus" switch and pilot light. The three knobs control receiver a.f. gain, transmitter a.f. gain, and regeneration. Underneath these knobs are the microphone jack, a test push-button (in parallel with the microphone push-totalk switch), and the remote speaker jack, which cuts out the internal speaker when a plug is inserted. The meter jack is at the far left. In order to dress up the unit slightly, the two audio output transformers were mounted in an aluminum shield can, one above the other. The audio input transformer and the 80 mhy. r.f. choke were mounted in another shield can. Needless to say, all of this lily-gilding is not necessary. The r.f. wiring is as short and direct as possible. The midget ceramic condensers used for bypassing and coupling are about the only ones that can be used in so small a space. The long audio leads from the relay to the front panel controls and tubes are shielded and covered with spaghetti. The leads from the antenna and oscillator jacks to the relay and tuned circuits are 75 ohm twinlead, and these short lengths cause no loss due to the slight mismatch. The external local oscillator is built in a standard 3"x4"x5" steel can, designed to be mounted on the steering column of the car. Its construction is fairly obvious from the photograph. aluminum wall is placed about 11/2"

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RADIO & TELEVISION NEWS



the ISW Department this month to the Swiss Shortwave Service. Here is current information just received direct from Russell Henderson of the Berne staff:

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The Swiss Short-wave Service's summer program for 1949 includes several new transmissions. There are now three transmissions in English daily to the United States; two daily to Australia, New Zealand, and the Far East; and the daily broadcast to the United Kingdom and Eire has been considerably enlarged. Switzerland now calls the Orient with three complete transmissions a day: the first beamed to Southeast Asia, the second to India and Pakistan, and the third to the Middle East. The services for Spain. Portugal, and Latin America have been enlarged, while the program for Europe is now more varied and is broadcast between 0020-1700. This program is also beamed to Africa three times daily.

All transmissions give news and news commentary features for information of listeners abroad. Swiss Viewpoint" is given on home and foreign affairs, cultural matters. and economy. Nightly, there is a survey of the Swiss press, while the feature, "Towards A Better World," (under which title the more constructive aspects of the rebuilding of Europe was treated) has been retained. From now on, SBC's correspondents in England, Germany, Italy, and France will present weekly reports on the situation in the countries surrounding this tiny democracy in the heart of Europe.

The "Swiss Curiosity Shop" is once again a nightly session. In it, the programs "Among Us Girls," "We Recorded It For You," "You Asked For It," and "The Music Box of Lucas" have been kept, while new highlights are evenings with the studio orchestra conducted by Paul Burkhard (a program of light music) and "The Shopkeepers" (an amusing program of the Swiss Curiosity Shopkeepers). Sunday night's feature is now "Switzerland at Work and Play," a program in the form of a weekly documentary on life

in Switzerland, its industries, its sports, its government, and the daily cares and joys that make up living in Switzerland.

The popular hour-long programs for Swiss abroad, full of the delightful Swiss folk music enjoyed by everyone, are still highlights of the summer program. There is the "Soiree Romande" for French-speaking Swiss abroad, "Serata Ticinese" for Italian-speaking, and the "Schwyzerdutsche Heimetobig" for the dialect-speaking Swiss overseas.

The request program, "Dancing in Switzerland," is more popular than ever, while the "Sunday Evening Concert" and the weekly "Symphony Hour" present music played in Switzerland to the world. "Music by Swiss Composers" and "Swiss Folk Music" are presented once a week.

These detailed program hours have been made possible by the installation of three 100 kw. and two 25 kw. transmitters at SBC's transmitting center at Schwarzenburg, near Berne. Switzerland now calls the world 24 hours a day on HER3, 6.165; HER4, 9.535; HER6, 15.305; HER7, 17.784; HER5, 11.865; HE15, 11.715; HED7, 15.120; and HEU3, 9.665. Further program details are in the program schedule which is available free on request to the Swiss Short-wave Service, Neuengasse 28, Berne, Switzerland.

Through the courtesy of Art Hankins, Pa., here are complete summer schedules of the Swiss Short-wave Service:

To North America—First transmission 1730-1815, 11.865, 15.305, 17.784; second transmission 2030-2215, third

William S. "Bill" Fargo, Augusta, Ga., a regular contributor to ISW, shown at the controls of his super-pro receiver. Instrument at right is a pre-selector.



transmission 2215-2300, 15.305, 11.865, 9.535.

To Australia, New Zealand, and the Far East—First transmission 0215-0400, 11.715, 11.865, 15.305; second transmission 0400-0445, same channels.

To United Kingdom and Eire—1345-1530, 9.665, 11.865.

To Southeast Asia-0745-0930, 15.120, 15.305, 17.784.

To the Middle East-1145-1330, 15.120, 11.865.

To Spain and Portugal—1545-1600 (Portuguese), 1600-1715 (Spanish), 11.865, 15.120.

To Latin America—1830-2000 (1830-1845 Portuguese, remainder in Spanish), 11.865, 9.535, 15.305.

To Europe—0020-1700, 6.165, 9.535. To Africa—0120-0240, 15.305; 0500-0730, 17.784; 1030-1700, 15.305. (This is relayed from the European Service.)

Our best wishes go to the Swiss Short-wave Service in Berne, with congratulations on the fine quality and the expansion of transmissions!

Latins in English

We are delighted that some of the Latin American stations have expanded services to include international programs in various languages, including *English*.

Radio Nacional, PRL-8, 11.72, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil has started a series of broadcasts in English, directed to the United States, Monday through Friday at 2130-2145 (may be expanded by this time). News, commentaries, and music are included. Whether or not this series will continue depends on response from U. S. listeners, station officials announced. (First reported to me by Gaynor, Calif.)

Buenos Aires, Argentina, is now using *English*, Spanish, French, Italian, and Portuguese for its international service. Hans Leven, Brazil, airmailed this official Argentinian statement:

"Stations Belgrano, El Mundo, and Splendide have inaugurated an international broadcasting service directed to the peoples of Spanish, English, French, Italian, and Portuguese languages with the purpose of diffusing in other countries those things which refer to Argentine life, customs, history, work, progress, ideals, and arts." Official name of this new service is

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(Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all time is expressed in American EST; add 5 hours for GCT. "News" refers to newscasts in the English language. In order to avoid confusion, the 24 hour clock has been used in designating the times of broadcasts. The hours from midnight until noon are shown as 0000 to 1200 while from 1 p.m. to midnight are shown as 1300 to 2400.)

DISTURBANCE TESTS-A Short-Cut in TV Servicing

By CYRUS GLICKSTEIN

American Radio Institute

Expensive and time-consuming test procedures can often be eliminated when these quick and easy checks are used. They are adaptable for most types of TV sets.

ANY service companies and individuals handling TV guarantees are finding that the cost of servicing receivers becomes too high for comfort when sets must be picked up, serviced at the factory or shop, and then returned to the home, making three jobs out of one service problem. It is quite possible that, as guarantees expire, high charges for servicing, caused by high labor cost, may in time become a factor in slowing down the rate of TV expansion, at least among the lower and medium bracket income groups.

Any development that will cut down the cost of servicing, allowing the price to be brought down while still permitting a fair profit, will benefit both the consumer and the service technician, as well as the rest of the industry. Lower cost, in turn, would have to be based on (1) a higher percentage of servicing completed in the home on the first call and (2) the time devoted to servicing each set should be reduced to a minimum—the last point being no different from any kind of profitable radio servicing.

Progress on both these points will depend on the development of faster, surer, and, preferably, simpler servicing techniques, as well as on the ability to apply these techniques.

The technique of disturbance testing described below can be used in both the home and the shop and is primarily designed to find a dead or weak stage in a minimum of time.

Disturbance tests are basically the signal injection method of trouble-shooting, except that no signal generator is used. They are not a new idea. Radio service technicians have been using them for a long time to find trouble in a hurry, using a screwdriver to scratch grids and plates, shorting resistors, etc. Many TV service technicians use them in one form or another, and they are commonplace in radio and TV production line testing.

As with any tool, advantages and limitations should be understood. In the credit column, disturbance testing is a quick method of locating a dead or weak stage with the use of a minimum of equipment: a multimeter, a screwdriver, a clip lead, and a .1 condenser. It is especially handy for trouble-shooting in home calls when it is either not convenient or not possible to bring along bulky test equipment. Incidentally, in making service calls to the customer's home, it is well to get some general idea of the nature of the trouble beforehand, so a proper selection of replacement tubes can be brought along, in the event the cause of the difficulty turns out to be a bad tube.

On the debit side is the point that it is not a good method for finding such faults as distorted output, mistuning, and similar troubles. Also, it may not give too definite an indication of trouble with certain stages. However, if it is



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General Electric's Model 805 table model set (top) uses a 10" tube and is housed in a plastic cabinet. DuMont's "Chatham", housed in wooden cabinet, is shown in the center while G.E.'s streamlined Model 807 is shown at bottom. Trouble shooting any one of these sets can be done the "quick and easy" way by using disturbance tests method outlined herein.

understood that this is mainly a preliminary method of locating trouble, to be used only when a dead or a weak stage is indicated, and that other methods of trouble-shooting can continue where this leaves off, it will be found a valuable time-saver for the service technician. It will very often localize the defective stage in a matter of minutes, and it is then necessary only to make a tube check, or to take voltage and resistance readings to find the defective component.

To show how disturbance testing is applied to TV, suppose we start with a given type of receiver—the RCA 630, a set which is also marketed under a number of other trade names. It does not follow that every test here will apply to any receiver, although most of them will. By a little experimentation on a functioning set of a given type, the service technician can compile information that will be very useful for servicing such receivers later on. One caution might be suggested. Where there is any doubt that a particular disturbance test will definitely show whether that stage is operating or not, try it twice on a good set—once with the tube in and once with the tube out. Naturally, there should be a noticeable enough difference in action to make the test valid.

The general divisions of the receiver we are subjecting to test are:

1. High-voltage supply (including CRT)

2. Sweep circuits

3. Low-voltage supply

4. Audio strip (including i.f.'s)

5. Video strip (including i.f.'s)

6. Front end

In making a preliminary analysis of the receiver, we find the set uses a fly-back type of high-voltage system. This depends on the fast collapse of the lines of force of the horizontal saw-tooth in the horizontal output transformer, inducing a high voltage in one of the windings. The product is then rectified, filtered, and fed to the internal aquadag coating of the CRT.

Let us assume the first trouble is that no spot appears on the screen when the set is turned on, and the brilliance control is maximum; sound is coming through. This may

be due to three general causes.

1. Failure of the high-voltage system: transformer, rectifier, filter, etc. Of course, without high voltage to pull the beam of electrons to the screen, no spot can appear.

Failure of the horizontal saw-tooth. If no saw-tooth comes to the horizontal output transformer, we do not merely lose horizontal deflection, but no spot can appear since no high voltage will be generated.

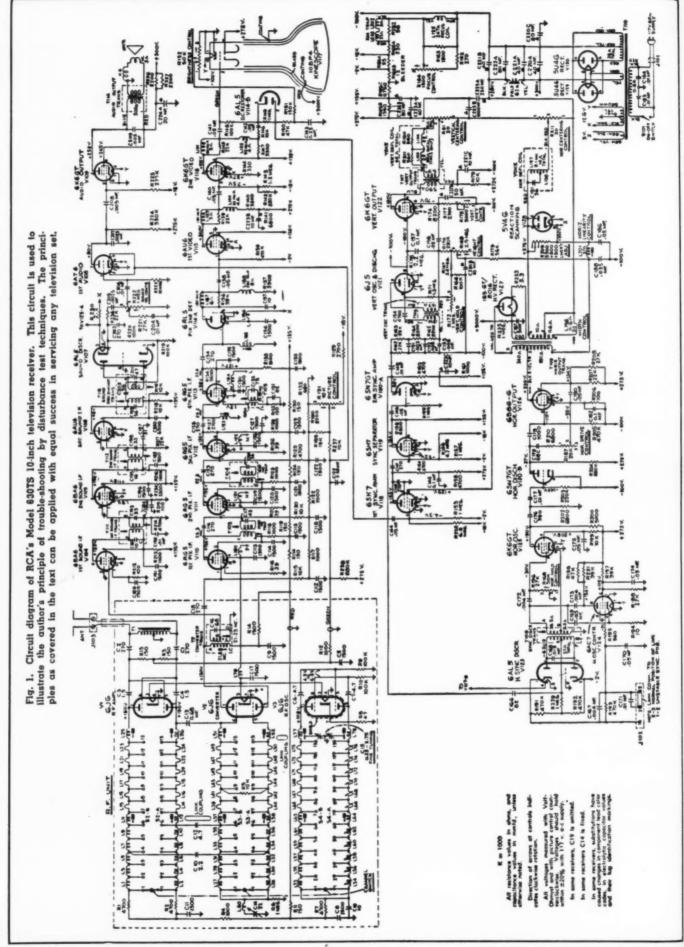
 Failure of the CRT—including correct voltages on its electrodes. This would include an open filament, grid biased to cut-off, incorrect placement of bending coil, etc.

Disturbance tests, as in all planned trouble-shooting, will proceed to rule out or localize the main possibilities. The first step is to note if the CRT filament is lit. If so, the set is turned off, and the high-voltage cap is taken off the CRT. The set is turned on again, and a quick check is made to determine if high voltage is available to the CRT.

Test One: The high-voltage cap is held at the rubber base with one hand, and the cap is brought close to its connection point on the CRT. If there is a thin and continuous arc as it is held about a quarter inch from this

point, we can assume we have high voltage.

Before any brick-bats start flying, the author would like to indicate he is well aware there are about 9000 volts on the spring contact inside the rubber cap. However, the cap is adequate insulation, the test has been made innumerable times, in fact, is almost standard in production testing, and there is no danger of shock if reasonable care is exercised in holding the cap. It might also be mentioned that even in the case of direct body contact with the spring in the cap, the filter series resistance (one megohm) as well as the small charge stored by the low filter capacity would bring the total current that could possibly flow through the body to far less than the 150 ma. necessary for a dangerous shock and even less than the 20 ma. required for an uncomfortable shock. (Fink: "Principles of Television Engineering," p. 363) However, this is not to be considered as an invitation to test the



accuracy of Mr. Fink's allegations, since it is always possible for R and C values to change under operating conditions.

If we have the arc, then, at the CRT high voltage connection point, we assume we have "B+" for the picture tube. To check further why there is no spot, we verify the voltages at the tube socket. This is done by simply removing the socket from the tube and a voltmeter reading taken from each socket pin to ground and compared with indicated voltages on the schematic. This may show up the reason for non-functioning of the CRT—biased to cutoff, no screen grid voltage, etc. If these voltages are O.K. then the last factor to be checked would be the bending coil or magnet, which acts as the ion trap. If this is far enough out of position, no spot appears on the screen.

At any rate, a quick high-voltage check at the cap as indicated in Test One tells us the next point to look for trouble. Suppose we do not have the arc. Then we assume the trouble is either in the high-voltage system or in the horizontal saw-tooth stages.

There are other quick disturbance checks to localize the trouble. The high-voltage cage is opened. This automatically breaks the circuit because of the interlock connected to the cage. A patch-cord or even an electric shaver line cord can be plugged in. Obviously, since there is high voltage here, caution should be exercised. A screw-

driver with a heavy wooden or plastic handle is used for the next test.

Test Two: The blade of the screwdriver is touched to the plate cap of the 1B3 (8016) (Fig. 1) high voltage rectifier tube and slowly lifted. a.c. of high enough voltage is coming to the plate of the rectifier, an arc will be drawn off for about %"-in other words, there will be a thin, steady arc between the cap and the screwdriver blade which is held close to but not directly on the cap. Obviously, if we get the arc here but not at the high voltage cap in our first test, the trouble lies between these two points. A resistance check should show up the trouble. There are only a few parts to be checked — the 1B3, filter condenser C187, filter resistor R235, continuity to high voltage cap, 1B3 filament winding continuity and placement, etc.

Test Three: If no arc is found here the trouble is ahead of this stage, and the blade of the screwdriver is rested on the 6BG6 plate cap and lifted slowly several times. Here, too, an arc should be drawn off if the saw-tooth is present here. If it is here and not at the 1B3 plate, the trouble is between these two points (transformer continuity from Point 2 to 3 on sche-

matic).

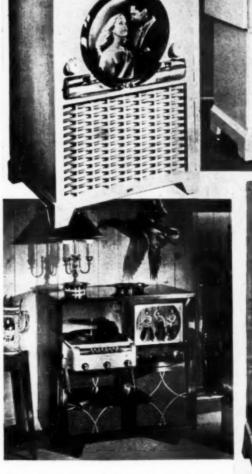
On the other hand, if no arc appears on the plate of the output tube, 6BG6, we proceed to the grid of the 6BG6 to find out if the saw-tooth is coming in.

In other words, we have verified that there is no d.c. output from the high-voltage supply (Test One) and no high-voltage a.c. input (Tests, Two and Three), and the next step is to check whether we have a saw-tooth input to the 6BG6. For this test, we use a .1 condenser and a test lead with alligator clips at both ends. One clip is attached to Pin 1, grid of the 6AT6, first audio stage. The other end of the lead is clipped to the condenser. The condenser is held like a probe, and the unattached pigtail is applied to various points of the circuit in the next series of tests.

Test Four: The condenser lead is applied to the grid of the 6BG6. The object is to check for the horizontal saw-tooth by sound—to use our sound stages as a signal tracer, since 15,750— is an audio frequency, or at least just above the audio range. The horizontal hold control should be varied, and as it is rotated a shrill whistle varying in pitch will be heard. Part of the range of the hold control will probably be inaudible, since it will be above the hearing range of most listeners.

This, of course, assumes: (a) the audio circuit is working (for audio checks, see below), (b) the horizontal sawtooth is reaching the grid, and (c) the antenna is disconnected from the set, or the channel selector is on an unused frequency so no signal will be coming in to lock in the horizontal saw-tooth at 15,750~. If the saw-tooth is present on the output tube grid and not on the plate, trouble with the 6BG6 or its circuit is naturally suspected, and a further check should be made here. On the other hand, if nothing is heard, we assume there is no saw-tooth, and the condenser probe is moved (while leaving the other end of the clip lead still attached to the first audio grid), to the plate of the 6SN7, V120B, horizontal discharge tube, grid of the same stage, and then the plate of the horizontal oscillator, 6K6, V125. If we have heard no saw-tooth while rotating the horizontal hold control at each step, then the oscillator (Continued on page 116)

Zenith's Model 28T960E, 12" giantsize circular screen and Hoffman's Model 902, 16" metal tube TV sets.



Admiral's "Credenze" direct-view television radio-phono combination and Garod's 15" consolette Model 15T29 television-radio combination, featuring "Tele-Zoom" control.





The BEGINNING AMATEUR

HE long history of amateur radio is full of instances of sensational DX operation accomplished with extremely simple and inexpensive equipment, very much along the lines of the receiver and the transmitter described in Parts 3 (April) and 5 (June) of this series, appearing in RADIO & TELEVISION NEWS. There are also many notable cases of completely unhappy experiences with the fanciest and most costly equipment the market has had to offer. What makes the difference? It sounds sort of obvious to say, "The operator, of course," but the statement deserves consideration because the personal element in ham radio is often swallowed up in the attention that is concentrated on new circuits, higher power, bigger antennas, etc.

What makes a good operator? The

same qualities that make a good automobile driver or a good golfer: patience, carefulness, consideration for the other guy, and proper maintenance and operation of the available machine, clubs, or transmitter, as the case may be. Your car might be a prewar heap with worn rubber and an asthmatic engine, but if you drive it carefully, feed it good fuel and lubricant, and keep out of the way of the trucks and buses, you will reach your favorite beach or fishing spot and have just as much fun as the butcher's boy who roars up in a red convertible. Sure, you'll look at the latter and say, "Now there's a buggy I'd like to whip around in," but after you learn what it cost, you'll go back to your crate and console yourself with, "This gets me where I want to go."

ROBERT HERTZBERG, W2DJJ

Part 6. Learn to be a good c.w. operator—it will save you later embarrassment.

You can get out all over the world with your modest receiver and peashooter transmitter if you stick with 'em and learn to twist the dials and punch the key properly. There's an old adage in the ham game: You can't work 'em if you don't hear 'em. A regenerative receiver of the type described in the April, 1949, issue of RADIO & TELEVISION NEWS is capable of developing terrific sensitivity, but you can obtain it only by very careful adjustment of the regeneration control. After a little experience, you'll be able to tell just how far to advance it for best reception of weak signals, and then you'll be surprised at what rolls in. Do you dare call that Australian or British station? What can you lose?

The quickest way to build up an impressive collection of QSL cards is to send clearly and perhaps a bit slowly and to send complete, intelligible words and sentences instead of the weird and incomprehensible abbreviations of which many hams are unduly fond. What's the point of sending inaccurately at the rate of 20 words-perminute if the fellow at the other end asks you to repeat half of your transmission? You might as well have sent accurately at 10 w.p.m. the first time and at least had the satisfaction of a full acknowledgement of receipt. Furthermore, adjust your sending speed to your receiving speed, as the other fellow will send at approximately your sending rate. You're in ham radio to enjoy the contacts you make; you won't get any fun out of your QSO's if you can't copy what you hear. And don't be ashamed to admit it by using QRS. If you will look up this signal, you will see that it means, "Send more slowly.' Very often hams will send, "Sorry OM, heavy QRM please rewhen they really should have sent, "You're too fast for me; please slow down a bit."

A plentiful supply of scrap paper, preferably ruled, and a smoothly working fountain pen are requisites for the operating position, in addition to a log book, a copy of the Call Book, and a clock or watch. Stenographers' notebooks are ideal for copying pur-

poses because the ruled lines are well separated and permit easy scribbling. A pen requires much less pushing than a pencil. Initially, write down everything of the other man's transmissions, and then decipher them . . . If you can! After a while, you will acquire the knack of copying "in your head," and you will be able to carry on long conversations without recording more than call letters, date and time of the contact, etc., in your log. And don't neglect the log. In these days of rapidly growing television service and the concurrent growth of "TVI" (television interference), real or imaginary, produced by ham transmitters, you can never tell when the FCC is likely to ask you to produce your records. Actually, a complaint of interference has to be pretty serious before the FCC acts, but if it does, and your log clearly isn't properly kept, you're in for a hot time.

In this connection, it might be well to state that you must record every transmission you make. Many hams have the mistaken notion that they are required to record only two-way contacts. This is definitely wrong. If you call a station, or CQ, and no one answers (and that does happen, you know!), you must still jot down the

pertinent information.

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CQ is the most useful and at the same time the most misused signal on the air. If you want to work someone, make it easy for him to identify you. A highly effective system is to send CQ three times, followed by your call three times, and to repeat the sequence for about 90 seconds. Just sending CQ over and over, without throwing in your call letters, will discourage rather than attract an answer.

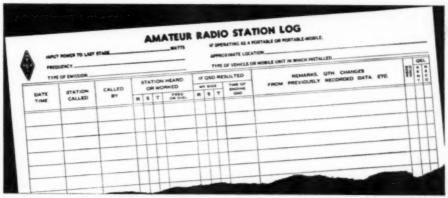
If you hear a CQ and want to answer it, use a slightly different procedure. Remember that the other fellow is tuning around for his own call letters, so send these slowly and clearly for about a minute in an unbroken string, insert your own call three or four times after "de," and repeat the long call. A minute and a half or two minutes is plenty; if he doesn't tune you in in that time he's not hearing you at all and you're only

wasting time and juice.

A contact doesn't, or at least shouldn't, end with the final sign-off signal. While you have the Call Book open in front of you, immediately address a QSL card to your new friend, filling in the date and time of the QSO. You can stamp and mail it the next day, but get it ready now. A supply of QSL cards is as important around the ham shack as any piece of equipment. They are cheap and they often are the start of wonderful friendships.

The "straight key" pictured with the transmitter in the June, 1949, issue is certainly the best for a beginner. Many old-timers will tell you it is also best for experienced operators, because with it you can make clean, unmistakable dots and dashes with comparatively little error. However, as your (Continued on page 120)

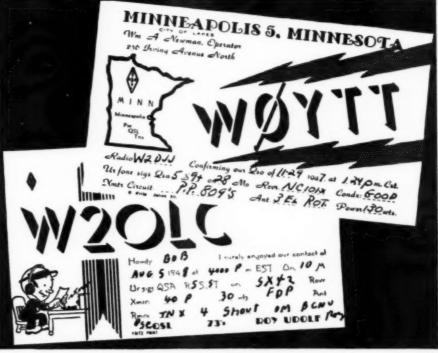
You can copy weak signals through interference much more readily with a pair of phones than with a loudspeaker. Besides, the high-pitched dits and dahs from the latter can be most annoying to other members of the household.



This is a standard form of log sheet for ham purposes.



Something to show for all your work: "QSL" cards confirming two-way contact. Many are elaborate works of art, well worth putting on the wall of the ham shack.



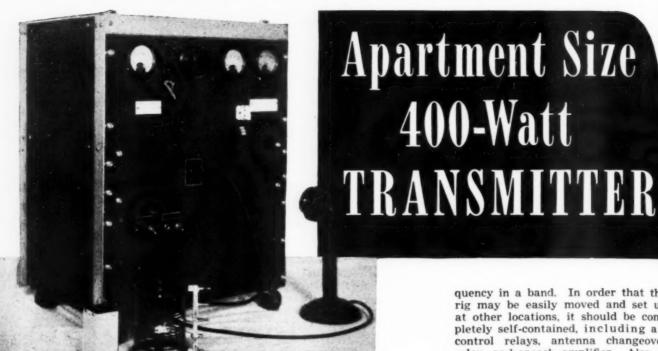


Fig. 1. Over-all view of 400-watt, c.w. phone transmitter.

By Buford Smith, W9ZMD

Self-contained in a two-foot high rack this compact, easy-to-build rig covers 10, 20, 40, 75 meter bands using plug-in type coils.

THE housing shortage has had a tremendous effect on ham radio. Many of us have only a very limited space in a trailer or small apartment in which to carry on our hobby. This means that, in many cases, we have to be content with small lowpower transmitters which seldom provide contacts, or give up ham radio entirely. Here, at W9ZMD, my main interest lies in maintaining scheduled operations with friends and personal acquaintances with whom I have worked in past years. For years now, I have had to be content with the typical 807 rig. This transmitter is not to be condemned, for under some conditions it provided very enjoyable contacts, but for regular operation something more was needed.

My first attempt at higher power was to build a final amplifier and power supply to be located remotely in a garage or basement, and to be excited through a long coaxial cable from the 807 transmitter. This remote r.f. section was to be adjusted to operate Class B linear, and thus would amplify either phone or c.w. signals with no readjustment. The setup worked very well, except that it was very inconvenient to shift frequency in

a band or to change bands, a trip to the remote location being necessary for each change. Also, on one occasion, after changing frequency and forgetting to readjust the amplifier tuning, a little warning was received because of excessive harmonic radiation. Operations ceased at this time.

After this unhappy incident, I was determined more than ever to build a small transmitter to fit in the available space at the operating position. and yet be able to run at a power input of from 300 to 500 watts. In my particular case, by removing two shelves from the built-in bookcase, I could obtain a recess 27" high by 24" wide and 15" deep. In order to profit by past experience, the following points were kept in mind while designing the transmitter. As much of the rig as possible should be built with the standard hand tools available to every ham. It should incorporate simple, easy-toadjust circuits, but should not be simplified to the extent that it would be unsafe or would not conform to good design principles. It should work on all ham bands 10 through 80-meters, and should have a minimum of controls and require a minimum of retuning when changing bands or frequency in a band. In order that the rig may be easily moved and set up at other locations, it should be completely self-contained, including all control relays, antenna changeover relay, and speech amplifier. Also, it should be possible to change quickly from phone to c.w. and from crystal to v.f.o. operation, utilizing any commercial v.f.o. Finally, because of compactness, the heat dissipation from dropping resistors, bleeders, and other components should be at a minimum.

It was hoped that a standard 264" cabinet relay rack would house the transmitter, but when the over-all height was checked in the catalogue, it was found to be too great. This relay rack would be ideal for those with somewhat more room. In my case, a cabinet had to be constructed, and it was decided to reduce the height sufficiently so that casters could be added for ease in moving. The frame was made of 1" by 1½" aluminum angle from the junk yard, held together by 10-32 screws, and the sides and back were covered with 1/8" Masonite panels. A hinged aluminum top was provided in order to gain access to the r.f. deck. The cabinet has a space of 2234" available for panels and this was divided up in the following manner: 8¾" for the radio frequency chassis, 5¼" for the speech amplifier and low voltage power supply, and 834" for the high voltage power supply and Class B modulator.

The r.f. section consists of three 6L6 frequency multiplier stages and a push-pull 813 final amplifier operating at 1250 volts. A single 813 could have been operated easily at the power input required but would have had to operate at, possibly, 2000 volts, and voltages of this order are somewhat high for the medium-power tubes commonly used for modulators. Furthermore, because of the previously mentioned harmonic trouble, a push-pull amplifier was wanted so as to provide cancellation of even multiples of the operating frequency. In order to keep tuning controls at a minimum, V_1 and V2 are provided with broad-band, slug-

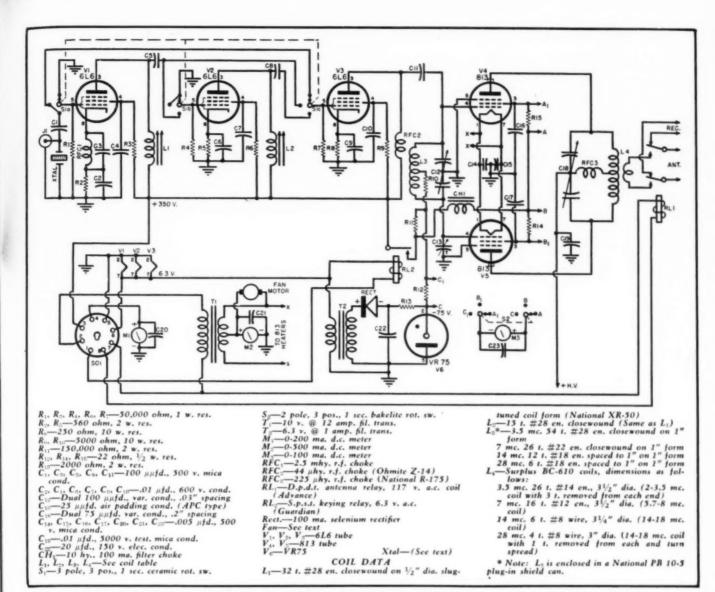


Fig. 2. Schematic diagram of the r.f. exciter and amplifier unit. Assembly details are shown in photograph below.

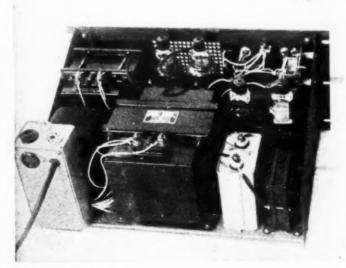
tuned coils. The plate circuits of V_1 and V_2 are tuned to 40 and 20 meters, respectively. The plate circuit of V_3 is tuned to the output frequency in use

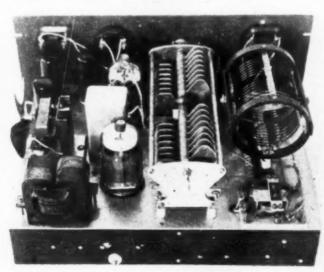
at the particular time, and this tuned circuit also acts as the grid tank of the 813's.

Referring to Fig. 2, S1 is a band-

switch, and it places one or more of the 6L6's in operation, depending on the output frequency. When changing bands the only coils to be replaced are

Fig. 3. Rear view of the modulator and high-voltage power supply (left) and the r.f. amplifier assembly (right).





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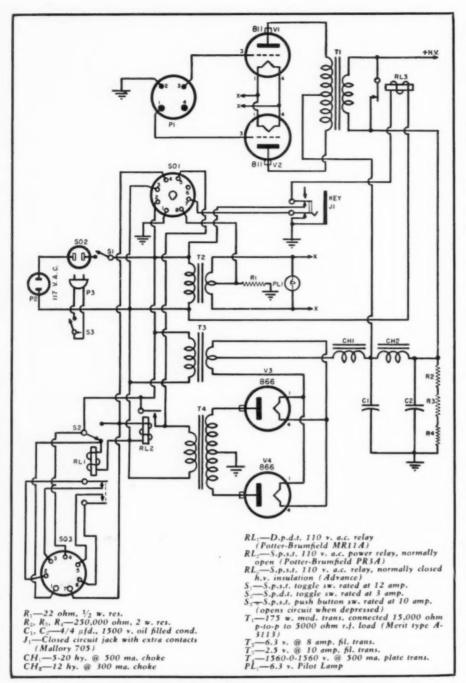


Fig. 4. Schematic diagram of high-voltage power supply and modulator unit.

those in the 813 grid and plate circuits, L_3 and L_4 , respectively. It will be noticed that no switch is provided for going from crystal control to v.f.o. operation, the change being accomplished by merely pulling out the crystal and plugging in the cable from the v.f.o. On the front panel of the r.f. section a phono jack is provided for connecting the v.f.o., and there are three crystal sockets connected in parallel in order to accept any type of present-day holder. The r.f. choke in the cathode circuit of V_1 is to provide some regeneration so that all 7 mc. crystals for either 10 or 11-meter transmitter output will oscillate properly without retuning L_1 . When V_2 is used as a crystal oscillator on 80 or 40 meters, with the transmitter output on the crystal frequency, no regeneration is necessary since C_{12} can be tuned for satisfactory oscillation. When V1 and V_2 are not in operation, their control grids are grounded to prevent any possibility of unwanted output. V_1 and V_2 have higher than usual values of cathode and screen dropping resistors, because high output is not required from these stages. The resistances used keep the operating and idling currents to less than 30 ma. per tube. The r.f. choke RFC2 in the plate circuit of V3 should be the type indicated in the parts list in order to obtain sufficient grid drive and high efficiency on 10 meters. A 2.5 mh. choke was first tried and noticeable heating resulted due to excessive losses. The particular choke recommended does not have sufficient inductance for good 80-meter operation, but after its incorporation, the 80-meter excitation did not drop below that available on other bands, and the tuning of the 813 grid circuit was not affected.

For c.w. operation, the transmitter is keyed in the 813 screen circuit by a small high-speed relay RL1. This relay has a 6 volt a.c. coil which eliminates the hazard of high voltage across the key contacts. There is sufficient time delay in the keying circuit to give a clean soft note with no trace of clicks or thumps. In many cases the rig has to be operated on a.c. power lines with very poor regulation, and a method of keying, such as this, which lessens the amount of load change, is to be favored since blinking of lights is not so pronounced. A bias supply for the 813's was incorporated for two reasons. First, it prevents these tubes from drawing excessive current during intervals when excitation is absent and this feature allows quick retuning. Second, it acts as a source of negative voltage for the 813 screens (through R_{11}) during key-up intervals. Biasing the screens negatively was found necessary in order to eliminate all radiation to the antenna. The bias supply employs the recently popular arrangement of a small 6.3 volt filament transformer connected backward and a selenium rectifier.

For the modulator, type 811 tubes are ideally suited. These tubes will operate on the 1250 volt plate supply with no bias, and by overdriving somewhat and using a lower than normal value of modulation transformer plate-to-load turns ratio, they will easily modulate fully an input of 400 watts. The 813's are both plate and screen modulated; however, the screens are not connected to the modulator output but to the low-voltage power supply. The secret lies in the audio choke, CH1 (Fig. 2) which allows the instantaneous screen voltage on the 813's to vary as the tubes are modulated. The tubes can be modulated more easily with this arrangement than when the screens are fed from the modulated plate supply through a dropping resistor. This is because the audio power loss in the dropping resistor is eliminated, and, too, the absence of this resistor removes another source of heat dissipation in the cabinet. Of course, the 813 screen bypass condensers should be only large enough for r.f. bypassing and should not be so large that audio frequencies are attenuated. The plate bypass, C_{19} , on the 813's is rather large, but this was done purposely to limit the higher audio frequencies.

The key jack is located on the main power supply panel. When the key is plugged in, an extra set of contacts on the jack breaks the circuit to relay, RL_3 , in Fig. 4, and the modulation transformer secondary is shorted automatically. The plate supply to the 811 tubes is maintained during c.w.

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Build Your Own TV TOWER

By LYMAN E. GREENLEE

Ordinary thin-wall conduit is used to construct a triangular antenna mast up to 50 feet in height.

ARGINAL television reception requires a good antenna installation, and because it is desirable to get the antenna above surrounding objects to secure a satisfactory signal, some kind of tower is usually necessary. Several towers are now on the market, but on account of shipping and assembly difficulties, it will frequently pay to build a suitable one on the job. Building your own will be cheaper, and since the entire assembly can be welded on the job, a much stronger and better looking tower is the result.

If the antenna is located ten feet above immediately surrounding objects, good marginal reception is usually possible, and by "marginal" we mean distances of around a hundred miles from the transmitter. Going up higher with a tower will add little to the signal, and there will be some loss in the extra length of transmission line. Keeping the lead-in straight and as short as possible, with no contact against drain pipes or other metal objects, will do more to guarantee a good picture than an extra ten or twenty feet of height. Location of the tower is important, as some positions will give higher signal strength than others. If at all possible, make a temporary survey with a dipole antenna attached to a long pole which can be carried around.

If you plan to receive more than one station, some provision must be made for rotating the antenna. It can be turned by hand or with a motor. If a motor is to be used, allow for mounting it in place before the tower is up in the air, even though you do not plan to install it until later.

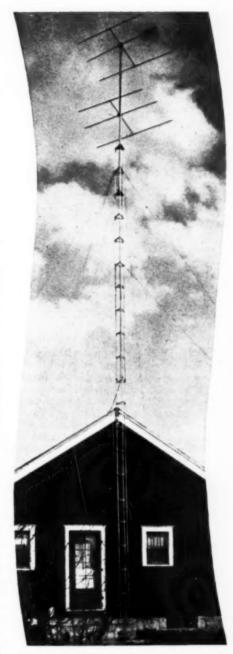
A directional antenna array is usually required for satisfactory marginal reception. While best results will always be secured with an array cut for the particular channel to be received, that is, of course, not always possible or convenient when more than one station is to be brought in. The usual practice is to cut an array for the middle of the band and to stack an array for the high frequencies above one cut for the low band. Sometimes it is advantageous to use an array cut to favor the weakest station to be received. Generally speaking, an antenna cut for a high frequency will be of little use in bringing in the lower frequencies. For really marginal reception, and it is possible to pick up programs at distances of two hundred miles, it is very important to use a directional antenna cut for the particular channel to be received and properly positioned at the top of a solid tower so that it does not sway in the wind. Reception can be ruined if the antenna or lead-in is free to swing back and forth with the wind.

Before building a tower, decide on the type of array that is to be used. Weight is an important factor and will determine the type of mounting to be constructed, and this is especially true if a very heavy array is to be used. Some of the lighter antennas can be mounted directly to an antenna rotator motor, but the heavier arrays will require a thrust bearing to take part of the weight, and provision for the thrust bearing should be made before completion of the tower. A surplus or junk ball bearing out of an automobile transmission can sometimes be adapted for this purpose and if packed with heavy wheel bearing grease will give satisfactory service. A piece of tin should be shaped to fit for a cover to keep out rain and

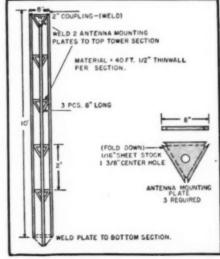
The author has made several satisfactory television towers using one-half-inch thin-wall conduit. The finished tower is very rigid and is climbable for heights up to fifty feet if properly guyed. One man can carry a completed fifty-foot section. A fifty-foot section is about the maximum practical height, unless heavier material is used and cross braces added.

The actual assembly of a tower should be easy for anyone who can do a good job of brazing. The thin-wall tubing must be handled carefully with just the right amount of heat to prevent burning and warping. All joints should be assembled with light tack welds, so that the tower can be bent and twisted back into shape to straighten it up if the sections do not fit together properly to form a perfectly straight tower. This is very important if you want the tower to look right when finished. Then all the tack welds should be carefully (Continued on page 89)

Fig. 1. Construction details—forty feet of one-half-inch thin-wall conduit are required for each ten-foot section.



The completed tower, when properly guyed, is climbable for heights up to fifty feet.



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Evolution of a TV ANTENNA...

Fig. 1. Test truck c o m p l e t e l y equipped to make field tests of any type TV antenna.

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HE television signal-from original image in the camera to the reproduced image on the receiving tube-requires the use of many types of circuits and components, taking in practically the entire field of electronics. The receiving television antenna occupies a unique position in that it is the first component handling the signal that comes under the control of the installer or service technician (and therefore the consumer!). In this position it obviously must have a tremendous effect upon the proper operation of the circuits and components which follow it-upon that part of the system which represents the major part of the consumer's investment. The antenna is therefore deserving of the best electrical and mechanical development and design.

The electrical design of a complete line of television antennas will, of necessity, have to be broken down into groups, each group being determined by the several types of antennas to be produced. Examples of the problems faced are involved in the design of a The ultimate design of any good broadband high-low antenna can be derived only after various mechanical and electrical performance tests have been made.

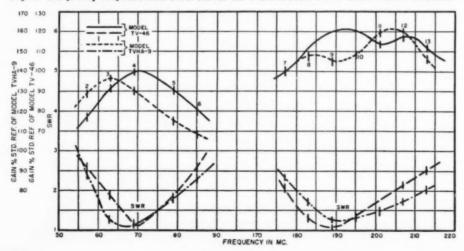
high-low antenna consisting of folded dipoles only and also the high-low antenna consisting of folded dipole and reflectors, as shown in Figs. 3A and 3B, respectively. For each type, the ideal characteristics should be set up as the goal for the design. These should include such factors as uniform response of a value commensurate with the particular type of antenna, uniform horizontal plane pattern on each of the television channels to be covered, uniformly low standing wave ratio, and elimination of interaction between the

two antenna units making up the ar-

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The response curve, of course, must have some reference so that intelligent comparison can be made. The basic reference requires the establishment of a definite field strength at frequency f, and measurement of the antenna response under test at this frequency; then establishing the same field strength at frequency f2 and again measuring the response of the antenna at frequency f2, etc. This test should be made for at least one frequency in each channel. A second method is to build a reference tuned and matched dipole for frequency f_1 and establish a field of satisfactory strength for this reference. The antenna to be tested is then subjected to the same field, and its response is compared to that of the test reference antenna number 1 to obtain its comparative response at frequency fi. Another test reference antenna, number 2, is tuned and matched for frequency f_2 and is placed in a field of sufficient strength so that it has produced at its terminals a nominal voltage. Then the antenna being tested is subjected to this field of frequency f2, and the terminal voltage developed in this antenna is again compared to that of test antenna number 2, thus giving the comparative response of the unit at frequency f_2 . A series of test reference antennas is required, at least one being required for each channel.

Fig. 2. Frequency response and SWR curves for Ward models TV-46 and TVHA-9 antennas.



Although antennas under test have been checked against both types of reference, the latter method has been found to be of more practical value in the service field because it requires less expensive equipment and fewer calculations to reproduce. The various curves shown herewith are based on

this type of reference.

On a simple dipole antenna, either folded or straight, the uniformity of the response curve depends primarily upon the length of the unit and the ratio of D/L, where D is the diameter of the element and L is the length of the element. For a given unit of this type, the response falls off more rapidly when the frequency is reduced below its nominal resonant frequency than it does when the frequency is increased above the nominal value. Therefore, for usual values of D/L, the unit should be cut somewhat below the center frequency of that portion of the spectrum to be covered. The same statement holds for the design of the low-band unit and the highband unit, independently, on an antenna of the type shown in Fig. 3A.

Controlling the response curve of an antenna of the type shown in Fig. 3B becomes somewhat more complicated since we have not only the same variables as described above, but also the added variables of spacing between reflector and dipole, as well as the length of the reflector element. With proper manipulation of this greater number of variables, greater control of the response curve is possible, and better "broad-banding" can be obtained. The shape and the actual magnitude of a response curve are both greatly affected by the mechanical configuration of the center insulator, due to the possible "bypass" of signal at this point.

Either of the antenna elements of Fig. 3A would be expected to produce a figure eight horizontal plane pattern, and either bay of the antenna shown in Fig. 3B would be expected to produce a modified figure eight pattern, having a front to rear ratio and forward gain. However, when the two bays of either antenna are combined to feed into one transmission line, extremely "off-shaped" patterns are possible. The interconnecting system between the two antenna bays and the transmission line must properly isolate the two antennas on their respective bands of operation. The low-band antenna, when operating on the highband frequencies, is approximately 3/2 wave length for those frequencies, and its pattern will break up into multiple lobes

If this signal were fed directly into the transmission line along with that coming from the high-band antenna itself, the over-all high-band pattern obviously would be greatly distorted and on some channels would show the multiple lobe formation as established by the large antenna. This makes the elimination of ghosts or reflected images more difficult, impossible in many instances, and dictates, then, the requirement of effectively eliminating the low-band antenna from the system

(B) Fig. 4. Rear view of mobile test unit. Cables connect receiving and transmitting antennas to test equipment.

Fig. 3. Three distinct variations of the television antenna: Ward models (A) TV-46 folded high-low band, (B) TVHA9 high-low band folded dipole with reflectors, and (C) high-gain stacked array.

(C)

when operation on the high band is desired. This can be accomplished by attaching to the terminals of the lowband antenna an open stub which is quarter-wave length long for the highband frequencies and will effectively short-circuit the low-band antenna at the high-band frequencies. This shortcircuit at high-band frequencies must then be connected to the transmission line with another quarter-wave length stub (or an odd number of quarterwave lengths) or else it will obviously short-circuit the entire system on the high-band frequencies. However, when it is connected to the transmission line with such a stub, it represents a high impedance and will have a negligible effect on the system.

The interconnecting system also has a very marked effect on the standing wave ratio since it deals with the combining of two impedances to one transmission line, both impedances varying with frequency in each of the two bands involved. The system described above enables the over-all array to have a remarkably low standing wave ratio on the high band because the impedance of the low-band unit is reflected into the transmission line as a very high impedance, and its disturbing effect on the standing wave ratio is negligible. In fact, it can be made

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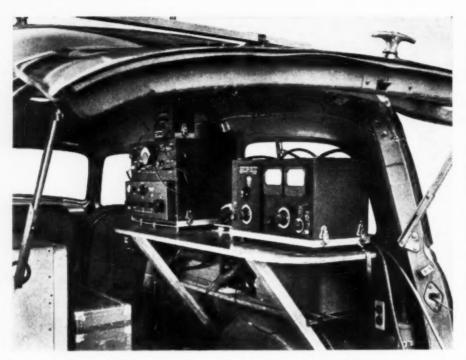


Fig. 5. Interior view of test truck showing part of test equipment.

to have a cancellation effect on the out-of-phase component of the impedance (jX) of a high-band antenna, thus maintaining a low standing wave ratio over a greater portion of the highband frequencies.

The interaction between the two antennas of such an array is determined primarily by the separation between the two, which is quite simply determined. However, the "loading" of one antenna by the other is likewise affected by this interconnection system. This loading can be either way so that both parts of the interconnection system are of importance. On the lowband frequencies, one of the most important considerations of the small high-band unit is its loading effect on

the large low-band antenna. This can be eliminated by the proper choice of length of link connecting the high-band antenna to the transmission line. Although this problem was attacked originally from the point of view of a simple stub connecting the high-band antenna to the transmission line, results were found in the experimental work which indicated that the length and configuration of the high-band folded dipole had considerable effect on the stub action. Through such experimental work, it was found possible not only to practically eliminate the loading effect of the high-band antenna on the low-band at the low-band frequencies, but to also create a cancellation effect of the out-of-phase

components (jX) of the low-band antenna impedance. This enables the complete system to display a low standing wave ratio over an increased proportion of the low-band frequency.

It can readily be understood from the above that you cannot deal with only a single characteristic of the antenna at a time, since practically all of the characteristics are involved to some extent when any of the variables are altered. The simple change of length of an element will usually call for some comparable change in one or more other parts of the system.

Therefore, to obtain true broad-band response, retain the gain expected from the type of array, have uniformly desirable patterns on all channels, produce low standing wave ratios over wide portions of the spectrum, and have minimum interaction and loading between the antennas, a game of chess results in which the moves cannot be isolated but must be planned in advance due to their effects upon one another.

The problem of the mechanical design of the antenna likewise has several facets. The unit should require minimum assembly time in the field, should handle easily to facilitate erection, and should withstand the battle of the elements.

These factors are again interlocking in their effect upon one another and cannot be considered independently. The requirement of minimum assembly time in the field obviously reduces itself to as complete a preassembly at the factory as possible. However, preassembly by itself does not mean that the antenna will be easy to handle while it is being readied for erection. The antenna should be designed so that the elements and other components will stay in their preassembled position or in their final position and not dangle loosely while the few re-

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Fig. 6. Test pattern of Ward model TVSA-6.

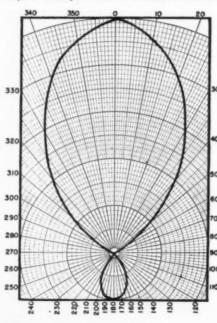
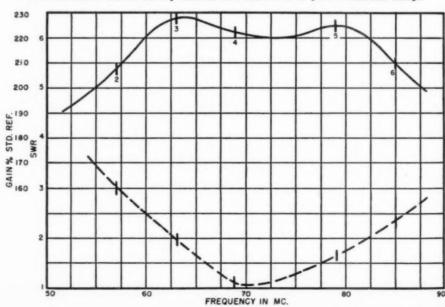


Fig. 7. Frequency response and SWR characteristics of Ward Model TVSA-6 television antenna. Curves clearly indicate that antenna is of good broadband design.





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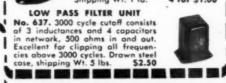


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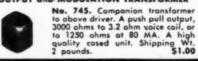
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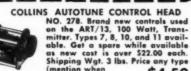




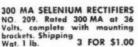


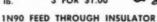




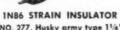


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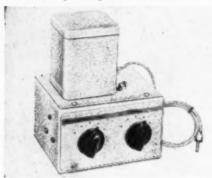
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and the input to the audio amplifier. This dual control unit is designed without dynamic action and consists of a broad, five-position range switch control and the suppression control, which is a vernier tuning control for continuous adjustment between the fixed positions of the range switch. The dimensions are 6½ by 5 by 4 inches.

The listener can choose straight-through operation or any high-frequency cutoff between 3500 and 16,000 cycles-per-second, with attenuation beyond the selected frequency at the rate of 20 db. or more per octave. It is equally effective on all types of signals, standard and LP phonograph records, AM and FM radio, and television sound and magnetic recordings.

REINER HVM SUPERPROBE

The new superprobes manufactured by Reiner Electronics Co., Inc., 152 West 25th St., New York 1, N. Y., are designed for accurate measurement of high voltages in television sets, x-ray machines, and other apparatus with



greater ease and safety, when combined with any vacuum tube voltmeter the operator possesses.

That portion of the probe gripped by the hand remains relatively cold, and the long slenderized hot portion For complete information on any of the items described herein, readers are asked to write direct to the manufacturer. By mentioning RADIO & TELEVISION NEWS, the page, and the issue number, delay will be avoided.

of the probe is separated from the handle by heavy-duty labyrinth barriers, making it easy to get into tight places.

The multipliers extend the range of vacuum tube voltmeters 100 times, so that the true reading with multiplier is simply 100 times the reading of the instrument when used with the HVM superprobe. For example, a reading of 270 volts with the multiplier would indicate an actual voltage of 27,000. The probes are rated for use up to 30,000 volts, are guaranteed up to 35,000 volts, and have an extensive safety factor.

NEW SERIES "300"

The manufacturer of the Ampex magnetic tape recorders, Audio & Video Products Corp., 1650 Broadway, New York, N. Y., announces the presentation of the New Series "300" in portable, rack mount, and console models.

This model is said by the manufacturer to be well within the price range of universities, churches, music pub-



lishers, language and diction studios, and other fields where high-quality reproduction is required.

The console has the same dimensions as standard transcription-play-back turntables. The operating speed is 15" per-second for one-half hour playing time, and 7.5" per-second for an hour's playing time. Frequency response is plus or minus 2 db., 50 to 15,000 cycles at 15" per-second and plus or minus 2 db. from 50 to 7500 cycles at 7.5" per second.

"TAPETONE" SOUND RECORDER

Previously available only in kit form, the "Tapetone" Magnetic Tape Sound Recorders may now be obtained factory assembled, complete and ready to operate, from the *Tapetone Manufacturing Corporation*, 202 Tillary St., Brooklyn 1, N. Y. The kits still remain available to those who wish to build their own.

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TV TUBE ION TRAP

Two new types of TV tube beam benders are offered by Clarostat Mfg. Co., Inc., Dover, N. H., the TV-2, intended for the 10-inch kinescope tube, and the TV-3, more elaborate, which is intended primarily for 12-inch and larger tubes.

These devices slip over the necks of the tubes and are regular equipment in many television receivers, serving to minimize burnt spots on tube screens. Both types of *Clarostat* beambenders have rubber-covered spring arms for friction fit on a 1% inch to 1½ inch TV tube neck. All parts except rubber sleeves and ring magnet are cadmium-plated.

Series TV-2 features a single permanent bar magnet, while the higher-cost TV-3 features two, the bar magnet for the rear and the ring magnet for the front elements.

TELE-TURN TABLE

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RECORD-O-FONE

The manufacture and distribution of a new "tape recorder" has been announced by Bell Sound Systems, Inc., 555 Marion Road, Columbus 7, Ohio.

This unit, to be sold under the name of "Record-o-fone," is suited for truetone reproduction of musical instruments, singing and speaking voices, or radio program recording, and is capable of picking up any sound audible to the ear. It records one-hourlength tape reels that can be played (Continued on page 103)

"ESFETA" ELECTIONS

THE first annual meeting of "ESFETA" (Empire State Federation of Electronic Technicians' Association) was held April 24 at the Hotel Arlington, Binghamton, N. Y. Delegates were present from ARSNT, New York City; RTG, Rochester; Southern Tier Chapter R.S.A., Binghamton; Central N. Y. RTG, Ithaca; Hudson Valley R.S.A. of Poughkeepsie, and the newly-formed Endicott Radio and Television Associa-

At the Annual Meeting, Max Leibowitz, ARSNY, New York City, was elected president; Miss Margaret Snyder, RTG, Rochester, vice-president; Wayne Shaw, Southern Tier Chapter, R.S.A., Binghamton, secretary; Ben DeYoung, Central N. Y. RTG, Ithaca, treasurer; and Arthur J. Blakely, Radio-Television, Servicemen's Ass'n Radio-Television Servicemen's Ass'n. of Corning, sergeant-at-arms.

The officers of the ESFETA present a

rather unique group. They are all full-time radio service technicians; even Miss Snyder is included in that classification. She has had a goodly amount of experience in her father's service department.

Any technicians' association in New York State is eligible for membership in ESFETA, and the Empire State or-ganization extends an invitation to them all to come to any of its gather-

Annual reports were turned in on the various local organizations. Endicott Radio-Television Association has elected Richard Wheet as president; with Ernie Marshall as vice president; Richard K. Newcombe, secretary; and Walter Porznick, treasurer. The Long Island Television and Radio Technicians Guild announces that at its recent meeting Gene Laper was elected president, and John A. Wheaton, corre-sponding secretary. The newly-chris-tened Corning Area Radio and Televi-sion Technicians Guild elected Arthur J. Blakely for president and Andrew M. Mertson as secretary. Re-elected as president of the Radio Technicians Guild of Rochester was T. Lawrence Raymo. Robert A. Bryan, Sr., was chosen as vice president; Donald Lissow as secretary; and William A. J. Frenzel was re-elected treasurer.

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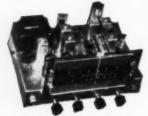
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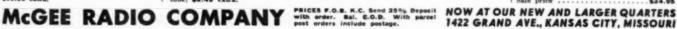
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Geiger Counter

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socket on the chassis, Fig. 6. The tube socket is to be mounted so that the tube will be inserted from the lower side of the chassis and should be of the shielded type which requires the spring type cap. While a shield is not required from an electrical viewpoint, a portable counter is subject to quite a few jars and jolts and using a shield will insure the tube's being held tightly in its socket.

The wiring diagram for the portable counter is shown in Fig. 7. Wiring may follow the conventional pattern, with the exception of the high-voltage battery leads and connectors. Rubber covered test lead wire will be quite satisfactory for the high-voltage battery connections, with Amphenol single prong plugs. A double tie point to which the high-voltage and "B" battery positive leads are connected is secured near the end of the chassis, close to the rubber grommets. A d.p.s.t. power line switch is used for both the filament battery and the high-voltage batteries, which at first glance may seem to be a radical departure from the purpose for which the switch was intended. However, a moment's calculation will show that less than one milliampere of current can flow through the switch, even if the Geiger tube circuit becomes shortcircuited. Under normal conditions. the current flowing will be just a few microamperes. It should be noted that the high-voltage side of the switch is to be connected between the negative lead of the battery and the chassis, which eliminates any possibility of a short-circuit between the switch and ground. The foregoing switching arrangement is standard

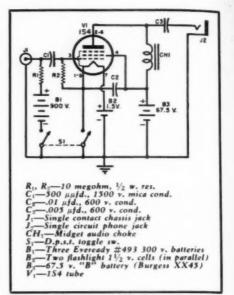


Fig. 7. Complete schematic diagram of the battery operated portable Geiger counter.

practice among many Geiger counter manufacturers and has proven very satisfactory.

All of the parts, including switch, phono jack, and Geiger tube jack should be connected before the chassis is secured to the case, after which it will be an easy matter to insert them in their respective holes and lock them in place.

The filament battery consists of two flashlight cells connected in parallel, with the positive poles connected to the spring brass clips. The negative poles of the cells make contact with the side of the metal case. A more secure contact may be obtained by soldering two clips similar to those mounted on the insulating strip on the end of the chassis, next to the negative side of the flashlight cells.

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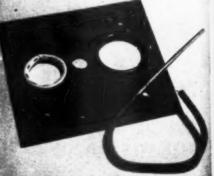
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A. The free frequency is the frequency determined by the circuit and tube constants.

75. What is sync frequency?

A. The sync frequency is the frequency of the sync pulses applied to the impulse generator.

76. Explain the interlocking action between the free frequency and sync frequency in sync action.

A. When the free frequency is approximately the same as the sync frequency, the impulse generator can be made to fall in step with the sync frequency. If the free frequency is lower than the sync frequency, the period between the grid pulses is shortened by the sync action. The tendency of the oscillator is to lag behind the sync pulses, but the sync pulses keep speeding it up. This is the desirable action, because the sync pulses then always occur at the end of a scanning motion. Therefore, the free frequency should always be set below the sync frequency by an amount large enough to insure that they do not become equal, but not so large that the sync circuit loses control. The sync must be the control mechanism, not the operator.

77. How many methods are there for separating the sync pulse from a signal?

A. The two methods for separating a sync pulse from a signal are: 1. Amplitude separation: 2. Waveform separation.

Explain amplitude separation.

A. In amplitude separation, the vertical sync signals have an amplitude greater than the horizontal sync signals by about 20 per-cent. By applying the composite sync signal to a biased diode tube, only the high-amplitude vertical pulses get through, and by also applying the signal to a current limiting tube (pentode), only the low amplitude horizontal sync pulses get through.

79. Explain waveform separation.

A. In waveform separation, both horizontal and vertical sync impulses have the same amplitude. Hence, differentiation and integration circuits are designed so that the former respond to the shorter time constants of the horizontal sync pulses, and the latter respond to the longer time constants of the vertical sync impulses.

80. What is meant by a serrated type of vertical sync impulse?

A. The vertical sync impulse with horizontal impulses interspersed in it is known as a serrated type of vertical sync impulse. The vertical sync impulse is prolonged through three or four horizontal pulses but is broken up into smaller intervals so as not to obliterate the horizontal pulses.

81. Draw a simple schematic diagram illustrating differentiation and integration circuits.

A. DIFFERENTIATION LOW FREQUENCY

What is the purpose of equalizing pulses in a serrated type of sig-

A. The purpose of the equalizing pulses is to make the shape of every vertical impulse the same after senaration. Otherwise, the timing between the sync impulses in successive fields would not interlock properly.

83. Why do equalizing pulses have no effect on the horizontal sync?

A. The equalizing pulses have no effect on the horizontal sync since they occur midway between the horizontal impulses, i.e., when the impulse generator cannot react to a sync impulse.

84. What is the ratio of scanning time to inactive blanking time?

A. The ratio of line scanning time to inactive blanking time is for all practical purposes 6:1.

(To be continued)

400-Watt Transmitter

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operation in order that these tubes will act as a heavy bleeder on the power supply and improve regulation. The idling current of the pair of 811's runs about 50 ma. If for any reason the modulator tubes fail to operate. resistors R2, R3, and R4, in Fig. 4, will discharge the filter condensers in about 20 seconds. On the power supply deck are two other relays for the purpose of changing from transmit to receive. RL2 is a heavy-duty s.p.s.t. relay for energizing the plate transformers when S2 or the remote switch is operated. RL, was included to start the v.f.o. and to silence the receiver, and operates simultaneously with RL2. It may seem strange that RL, has its coil energized when receiving, instead of when transmitting. This was done so that when the transmitter is completely turned off by means of power switch S_1 , RL_1 will open the contacts to the receiver, and the send-receive switch on the receiver can then function normally.

The modulator driver employs a single 6L6GA, tetrode connected. There is no reason for using the customary triodes to drive zero bias modulator tubes, and in this case the single tube delivers sufficient audio power. The loading provided by the 811 grid circuit on the 6L6GA is almost constant, and very little distortion is introduced at this point. With the driver transformer ratio indicated, 100 per-cent modulation is reached just as clipping starts in the driver stage, and this allows a somewhat higher average modulation level to be used without sideband splatter. Because of the limited space available, and because of the proximity of the speech amplifier to the r.f. section, a single-button carbon microphone was used in preference to a low-level microphone with associated high gain stages. A Western Electric type F-1 button operated at low current gives excellent speech quality, and in many cases cannot be distinguished from high priced crystal or dynamic units for speech use. The microphone current in this case is obtained from the 350 volt power supply through R_1 (Fig. 5), and runs about 18 ma. R1 also serves as a bleeder for this supply.

The r.f. section is built on a standard 13"x17"x3" chassis. The 813 sockets are mounted about 2" below the surface on two small aluminum angles running crosswise between sides of the chassis. The depth of the sockets should be adjusted until the internal shields of the 813's are flush with the surface. Referring to Fig. 3 (right), the 813 filament transformer may be seen at the lower-left side of the picture, and immediately before it is a small exhaust fan. The greatest heat dissipation in the transmitter is from this deck, due mainly to the 100 watt





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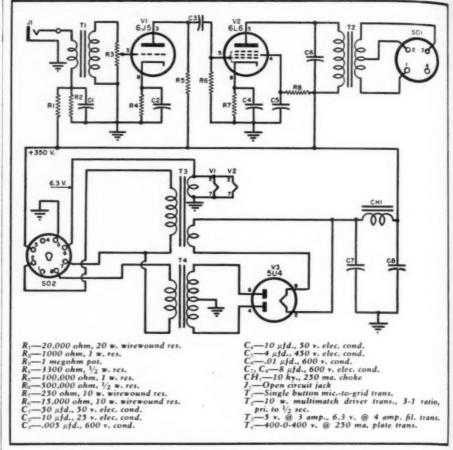
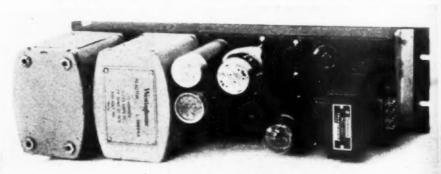


Fig. 5. Schematic diagram of low-voltage power supply and speech amplifier.

loss in the filaments and another 150 watts or so plate dissipation. The rig was operated several months without the fan, and no ill effects resulted, but at times the heating of the rear sides of the meters caused such moisture condensation on the meter faces as to prevent seeing them. The fan is powered by a shaded pole phono motor with the coil rewound for 5 volt operation, using 90 turns of #16 en. wire. A small opening was cut in the cabinet just opposite the fan and was covered with hardware cloth. In front of the fan may be seen the three 6L6 multiplier stages. It is essential that these be metal tubes in order to prevent oscillation of the 813's. Between the 6L6's, the unshielded slug-tuned coils are mounted directly on the chassis with the adjusting screws protruding

through. Beneath the chassis, the grid tuning condenser is centered between the 813 sockets, and a shaft extension goes to the front panel. The antenna relay may be seen at the rear of the final tank coil. To reduce the tank coil height sufficiently, a special jack strip was made of a piece of polystyrene, 11/2" wide, and was bolted directly to the chassis. When the transmitter was first built, small feedthrough insulators were placed beside the 813's, and wires were run alongside the tubes for neutralization. Contrary to expectations, the neutralization improved as more of the wire was clipped off, and perfect neutralization could not be obtained until all of the neutralizing circuit was removed. The fact that no neutralization is required is attributed to the short direct by-

Fig. 6. Top view of the speech amplifier and low-voltage power supply.



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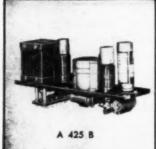
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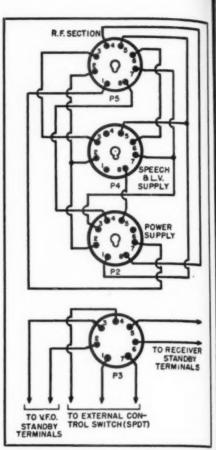


Fig. 7. Diagram shows interconnection between various units. Plug P5 connects to SO₁ in Fig. 2, P4 to SO₂ in Fig. 5, P2 to SO, in Fig. 4, and P3 to SO; in Fig. 4.

pass on the 813 screens, and to the use of a sufficient amount of shielding. The keying relay, and bias supply with VR tube are mounted below the chassis.

"Dish type" construction is used for the 350-volt power supply and speech amplifier, and this chassis measures 5"x17"x21/2". This type of construction was used to provide shielding of the speech amplifier circuits from the plate caps of the 811's.

A special 1" high chassis had to be constructed for the 1250 volt power supply and modulator in order to provide sufficient clearance for the power transformer. The local machine shop welded some 1"x1" steel angle into a 12"x17" rectangle. On this rectangle was bolted a 12"x17" piece of sheet metal. The chassis was joined to the front panel by means of a pair of 12" deep chassis supporting brackets. The control relays are mounted inside a small aluminum chassis, used as a box, on the rear of the power supply deck see Fig. 3, left). On this box are sockets to connect to the external control cable, to the transmitter cable, and to the interlock switch. This interlock switch is located at the hinged top of the cabinet to remove high voltage when coils are changed. The 866 tubes are at the center of the power supply deck, and to the right, in Fig. 3 (left), may be seen the 811's. Hidden in front of the 811's is the modulation transformer, and above this transformer is the phone-c.w. relay.

Instead of lacing the interconnecting cables with twine, some of the plastic spiral that is sold to prevent telephone cords from kinking was wrapped about the wires, and gave a neat, professional-looking appearance. Special nameplates for the meter switch and band selector were made by lettering on white drawing paper.

Initial tuning should be done with the bandswitch on the 10-meter position, 10-meter coils in place, and a crystal of about 7100 kc. inserted. plate and screen voltages on the 813's should be removed during the initial With the shield removed tune-UD. temporarily from L₁, C₁₂ (Fig. 2) is adjusted with the aid of a wavemeter to 28 mc. resonance, and the shield is replaced. L1 and L2 are broad enough to pass some r.f., even though not peaked. Now, L1 and L2 are tuned for maximum 813 grid current. Since these coils are tuned largely by circuit capacity, and since this will vary with different layouts, the turns may have to be altered somewhat to get a definite peak. A load is now connected to the transmitter, voltages are applied to the 813's, and C18 (Fig. 2) is resonated. Comparison of the 813 screen currents is used to determine if equal excitation is applied to the tubes. If these currents are not the same, trimmer C13 should be adjusted to restore balance. The adjustments of L_1 , L_2 , and C_{13} once made for the 10-meter hand will hold sufficiently close for other bands.

Now when changing bands, it is necessary to replace only the 813 grid and plate coils, set the band switch properly, plug in the v.f.o. or proper crystal, and retune. There is no need to worry about running the final off resonance for short periods, since the dissipation is not excessive at the low plate voltage used. Although an 80meter crystal or v.f.o. output may be used for operation on any band, it is recommended that for 10-meter operation a higher frequency crystal or v.f.o. be used. The broad-band circuits will pass sufficient energy to allow L3 to be tuned to approximately 25 or 32 mc., and yet the dial settings may appear to be correct. For normal operation the total grid current should be 15 or 20 ma., and with proper plate load, the screen current to each 813 is 20 to 25 ma. For phone operation the plate current should be about 300 ma., and for c.w. operation it may be as much as 400 ma. Keep in mind that the 500 ma. meter on the 813's is in the cathode circuit, and grid and screen currents must be subtracted to get plate current.

This rig has been thoroughly tested on all bands, and leaves nothing to be desired in the way of performance. Consistent weekly schedules have been held for some time now on 75-meter phone, over a 500-mile path and through the evening QRM. On the few occasions that DX operation has been tried on 10 meters, a number of countries were worked, including a VK at high noon.

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Dry-Disc Rectifiers As Control Circuit Components

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The use of dry-disc rectifiers in a number of formerly troublesome control circuits will reduce the installation and maintenance costs considerably.

ALTHOUGH the dry-disc rectifier has been commercially available for more than two decades, its use has been restricted by most workers to rather obvious battery-charging and power supply installations.

Because rectifiers of this general type are relatively inexpensive, have no moving parts or chemical solutions, require no heating current, are substantially immune to all temperature variations found in nature, and have a gratifyingly long-service life, their inherent properties suit them for remote control applications.

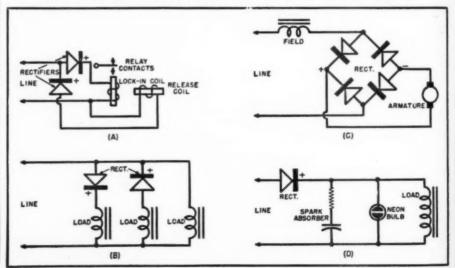
By use of dry-disc rectifiers, a number of formerly-troublesome remote control problems can be solved, in some instances with a halving of installation and maintenance costs, and a quartering of "in service" breakdowns. Several of these applications are outlined in Fig. 1. Many others, obvious applications of the same general principles, are known, or can be worked out in a few minutes by the instrument technician.

Operation of a remote latching relay, by use of a two-wire line and two rectifiers, is shown in Fig. 1A. Here, when the proper voltage is applied to the line with one polarity, the lock-in coil is energized. When current is applied to the line with the polarity reversed, the release coil operates. This application eliminates a somewhat costly, and usually troublesome, polarized relay.

Similarly, several independent devices can be operated from the same line by use of rectifiers, as in Fig. 1B. Here, the 1st load is energized when the line voltage is of one polarity, 2nd is energized when the line has the other polarity, and 3rd operates whenever the line is energized, regardless of polarity. If a.c. is applied to the line, loads 1 and 2 will both draw current. and device 3 either will or will not operate, depending upon its response to a.c. If a.c. is used for a third control combination, use of condensers or other smoothing devices may be necessary to prevent "buzzering."

By use of a bridge rectifier, the ageold problem of controlling the direction of rotation of a series-wound d.c. motor by the polarity of the two-wire supply line is solved and without the use of polarized relays. One of several alternative methods of doing this is shown in Fig. 1C. Here, the field is connected in series with the input of a bridge (full-wave) rectifier, and the armature is connected across the out-

Fig. 1. Typical applications of dry-disc rectifiers as used in control circuits. A d.c. power line should be used in all four of the circuits shown.



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From the above summary it appears that dry-disc rectifiers furnish the ideal solution for a few control problems and are useful alternative devices in other control positions. Use of rectifiers will, in some instances, lead not only to a financial saving, but also to an increase in the over-all dependability of the control mechanism. Although these rectifiers, as now manufactured, have a very long life, often exceeding the factory rating by a factor of two or more, they are not immortal, and systematic checking of the condition of rectifiers is just as important as systematic contact servicing.

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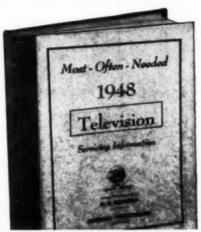
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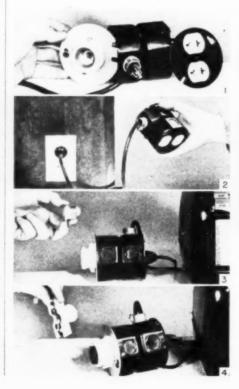
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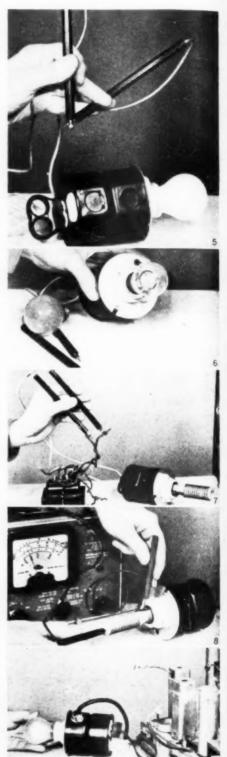
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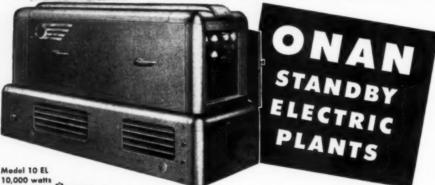
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On other tests, such as the filament winding of a transformer, it might be desirable to draw considerable current for a short time. In such case a screwin type of heating element might be used instead of the lamp (Photo 7).

This same heating element may be used in series with a radio (Photo 8) to give an indication of the volt-amperes taken by the radio by reading the voltage drop across the heater unit and applying Ohm's law, since the resistance of the heater unit would be measured and known.

A 25- or 40-watt lamp is easily used in series with a radio transformer and wiring (tubes removed) to check for a shorted or grounded transformer (Photo 9). The lamp should be very dim if the transformer is in good condition



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BY HARRY C. AICHNER, JR.

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A word of caution: don't overdo the job-you might wear off the pure metal contact points, especially if it is a comparatively inexpensive key you're using.



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Sectional TV Tower

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filled in and inspected for cracks before the tower is put up. A couple of coats of aluminum paint will protect the metal from the weather and add to the appearance of the finished product.

Forty feet of half-inch thin-wall tubing will be required for each section. Three ten-foot lengths form the sides, and the other ten-foot piece should be cut up into fifteen pieces eight inches long to form the triangular braces. A piece of sheet metal should be cut to form a base for the bottom section, and two triangular pieces must be made with a center hole for mounting the antenna mast to the top section of the tower. This detail is shown in Fig. 1. The center hole can be cut with a cold chisel or a torch, and should be just the right size to pass the pipe or tubing used for a mast. Usually one-inch or oneand-a-quarter-inch thin-wall conduit will be satisfactory as a mast to mount the antenna array if no such piece of tubing is furnished with the antenna. If a motor is not being used, some simple lock must be made to keep the antenna from turning with the wind after it has been rotated to the correct position. Drill a couple of holes for large cotter pins or stove bolts in the upper mast, and these can rest against the triangular plates if no thrust bearing is planned.

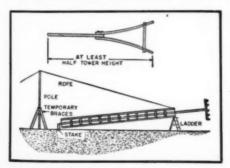
To assemble the ten-foot sections, either use short pieces of solid rod inserted inside the two sections of tubing where they join together, or use standard slip joint fittings designed for the thin-wall conduit. Either method will make a rigid assembly

when brazed together.

Round the ends of the eight-inch lengths of tubing to fit the one-half-inch conduit, using a grinding wheel or a large rat tail file. This is not absolutely necessary, but it will make a better job, and the joints will be easier to braze. The one-half-inch tubing can be conveniently cut with either a hacksaw or a regular tubing cutter. The tubing cutter is to be preferred, as sawing the thin tubing is a little hard on hacksaw blades.

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Fig. 2. A temporary brace and rope should be used to raise the tower.



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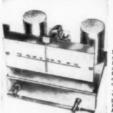
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tem of guys should be used. In any case, use enough guys to support the mast and allow for breakage of one or two of them in an emergency. It is better to have too many guy wires than to have a broken mast over in your neighbor's yard. Drive a ground stake and connect it to the base of the tower with heavy copper wire for lightning protection. Since the antenna array will normally be about ten feet above the top of the tower, it is usually unnecessary to break up the guy wires with insulators. To bring the transmission line down the tower weld regular stand-off insulators along one side. Do not tape the line directly to the metal.

A stub pole, which may be a 2x4 or 2x6 about twenty feet long, will be necessary to raise the tower without breaking it in the middle. Three persons can do the job easily. Use enough rope so that the vertical tower can be tied temporarily until the guy wires are fastened in place, and have two helpers hold ropes while the third person pulls the tower up with the aid of a rope and the stub. (See Fig 2.)

Drive a stake at the base of the tower to keep it from sliding back. Tie the tower to this stake with a rope

or piece of wire. Support the upper end of the tower on a step-ladder. Arrange a rope and pole as shown in the sketch, using additional ropes or wood braces to keep the pole upright so it will not swing over to one side. Have one helper walk up the ladder while the other two pull on the rope to get the tower started up. After it is up to about a 45 degree angle, one helper can finish pulling it up to a vertical position while the other two hold ropes to anchor the tower in place and keep it from going on over too far. It is a good plan to attach at least part of the guy wires while the tower is on the ground, but if all of them are attached they will not only be in the way but will probably get all tangled up. Some may prefer to use the guy wires in place of rope to raise the tower; however, the usual stranded guy wire gives so much trouble by kinking and getting tangled up that we prefer to use rope. Climbing the tower to remove the rope is not difficult, but some constructors may not like to climb, and in that case, the guy wires should be used to raise the tower, and all work must be done on the antenna array while the assembly is still on the ground.

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C.G.A. BACK ON THE AIR

HEADED by B. W. Kniseley, '51, and advised by Commander P. V. Colmar, '29, the United States Coast Guard Academy's amateur radio station, W1CGA, is back on the air after having been idle since early in 1941.

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Station W1CGA (before the war, W1SET). On phone is Cadet Dave Howard, '51, formerly a merchant marine operator, while Cadet R. Brooks, '52, member of the Northeastern University Radio Club, in Boston, before becoming a cadet, stands by.



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quired screws are being tightened. All of the components are required to withstand the ice loads and wind loads which, of course, vary considerably in the several areas of the country. Various surveys made in connection with electric power distribution indicate that at least a one-half-inch ice load should be considered minimum. The calculations involving this ice load are comparatively simple, as some parts can be considered as uniformly loaded cantilever beams and other parts as cantilever beams having a uniform load, also a concentrated load, at certain locations. The physical test can be very closely approximated by adding the correct amount of weight every 1" or 2" along the various elements.

In the above, it will be noted that the ice load was named prior to the wind load. This is a logical sequence since the wind load should be calculated on the antenna with the ice load in place. This is necessary because of the increased projected area subjected to the wind by the ice loaded members. These calculations have proven that the turning moment or torque of an antenna bay relative to the mast is

surprisingly high.

Therefore, the hardware and brackets mounting the crossarm to the vertical mast must be capable of exerting very high locking pressures. In working with the various non-ferrous materials in the mast, it was found that the required locking pressures could not be obtained because such mast material would swage down or reduce in diameter as the brackets were tightened. Vibration tests also proved that the material continued to "flow," and in a comparatively short length of time the right angle connection of the crossarm and mast was found to be loose and unable to withstand the turning moment of the above referred wind loads. Due to this, the requirements of this joint dictated the use of a steel tube and a plug inside of the tube to make a completely solid joint. In addition, the bolts are passed directly through both tubular members to eliminate any possibility of the bay's slipping around the mast and losing its orientation. The mechanical attachment of the straight dipole, folded dipole, and reflectors on the low-band units to crossarm or mast are accomplished in a similar manner.

This type of joint was found unnecessary on the high-band units where the projected area subjected to the wind is not as great and the lever arms involved in the turning moment are

comparably smaller.

The above referred plugs in the ends of the low-band crossarm and in the upper end of the mast also eliminate the "pipe organ" effect which these tubular members may otherwise have in certain wind velocities and directions. This howling sound is very

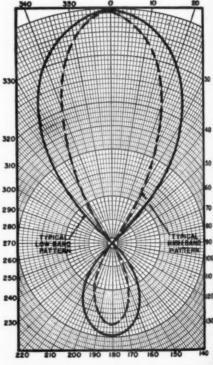
readily transmitted into and through the house structure and can prove very annoying. Closures, for similar reasons, are also placed in the ends of the antenna elements themselves.

The 1¼" O.D. steel tubing used in the mast and low-band crossarm was likewise found to satisfy other important considerations. The torsional twist of the cross-arm must be held to a minimum since a torsional vibra. tion set up in this member will cause the antenna element on one end and the reflector on the other end to mechanically vibrate out-of-phase. If this torsional vibration of the crossarm, amplified through the length of the reflector and the dipole, swings the tips of these two elements exces. sively relative to one another, the picture on the CR tube will definitely be modulated. The results of a series of tests indicated that with the use of steel tubing in the crossarm, 14" O.D. was required to eliminate this picture modulation. The use of various non. ferrous materials, which have a lower Young's modulus and less torsional rigidity, would require considerably larger diameters if this picture modulation is to be controlled.

Since mechanical design can be finally proven only by actual mechanical tests, a number of the units were made in the laboratory prior to final tool release. However, to simulate the final design as closely as possible, temporary single cavity molds and temporary dies were actually made in the lab, and parts were produced, using the same materials and processes that would be involved in the production quantities. Only in this manner could the entire over-all design be completely checked in every respect be-fore the production tools were made.

As explained above, the element

Fig. 8. Field pattern of Ward Model TVHA-4.



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mounting insulator and some of the associated hardware can have a "bypass" effect on the antenna and can affect its apparent impedance. It was necessary then to recheck the electrical design and make a few small changes in order to finally approve the mechanical design. In this recheck of the electrical characteristics, the entire procedure of test sequence was repeated.

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In the original electrical design and test as well as the final electrical design check, it was necessary to use several different types of laboratory test equipment, some of which had to be mobile for the field testing. Fig. 1 shows the test truck with the racks on top for carrying the several antennas as well as the reference standards. Likewise, the two-way telephone antenna can be seen mounted forward over the driver's position. Fig. 4 shows a general interior view with the rear of the truck opened. The compartment on the left houses a gasoline-driven generator for the 117 volt a.c. supply. The housing for this generator is completely shielded electrically, is lined with soundproofing material, and has its own ventilation system. Fig. 5 is a close-up view of a portion of the interior, showing the signal generator and field strength meter on the workbench, the two-way telephone under the left end of the workbench. and a voltage regulator on the floor. In between the signal generator and the field strength meter is mounted a remote indicating meter and a selsyn indicator for antenna position. Other equipment, such as sweep oscillators, cathode-ray oscilloscopes, etc., are mounted to the rear of the generator housing when required.

A typical field setup uses the cable from one reel to connect the signal generator to a transmitting antenna. The other reel handles the cable to connect the receiving antenna under test back to the field strength meter, and it also carries conductors for the selsyn indication, as well as phone circuits for two-way conversation between the operator handling the receiving antenna, remote from the truck, and the test engineer handling the equipment in the truck. With this setup, a complete response curve and field pattern for both high and low bands can be obtained on the average antenna very rapidly and with excel-

lent accuracy.

By the use of the sweep oscillators, detector, and cathode-ray oscilloscope, which can be mounted behind the shielded generator, a very rapid determination of antenna impedances and standing wave ratios is made possible. These values are checked in the laboratory by the slotted line method and also by heavily exciting the antenna and probing the line with a sensitive pickup feeding into the field strength meter. This pickup has negligible loading on the transmission line during the operation. The two last methods are much more laborious and time-consuming but are used to check



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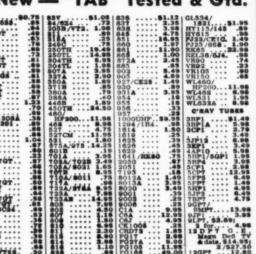
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219-R East 1st St. Tulsa 3, Oklaha the results of the first tests using the sweep oscillators. The sweep oscillator method has a big advantage in that it is capable of showing impedance matching characteristics over a broad portion of the spectrum at one time when displayed on the oscilloscope.

The above discussion has centered around only two of the several models which are required for a complete line of television antennas. Fig. 3C shows

a stacked array which incorporates all of the various problems outlined with several additional variables. shows response curves, and Fig. 6 shows typical field patterns for such a unit. These three types of antennas are typical examples and show the procedures necessary to be carried out if a full knowledge of the capabilities of the antenna, electrically and mechanically, are to be known with accuracy.

CORONA AND HIGH-VOLTAGE ARCING IN TELEVISION RECEIVERS

By MATTHEW MANDL

ORONA or arcing in television receivers usually results when highvoltage leads are brought too close to chassis or other ground points. Sharp bends in the wire carrying the high-voltage currents will also cause corona effect, and all such wires should be well-spaced from other wires or metal components. The high-voltage leads should also be supported well away from chassis and the outer coating of the tube by a thin wire with a polystyrene terminal through which the cable runs. A thin section of fibre or plexiglass can also be used and makes a good insulator.

Both corona and arcing may be best found while the set is turned on, so that their visible effects may be observed. Extreme caution must be exercised, however, for the potentials involved are high, and severe shock may result from contact. This is particularly true when the corona or arcing is within the power supply housing, and no probing should be attempted except with a long, well-insulated rod. Never use a screwdriver or other metal object.

One place where corona sometimes occurs and is often overlooked is that section of the tube where the high-voltage lead plugs in. During rainy weather, or if the receiver is in a home with a high moisture content, corona occurs across the radius of the bare section of the picture tube in which the high-voltage lead is plugged. The outer aquadag coating, which is at ground potential, is not applied to this ection so that no short can occur. Moisture, however, condensing across this area will result in orona until the set has been on for several minutes, When the warmth from the tubes dries out the moisture, the corona effect

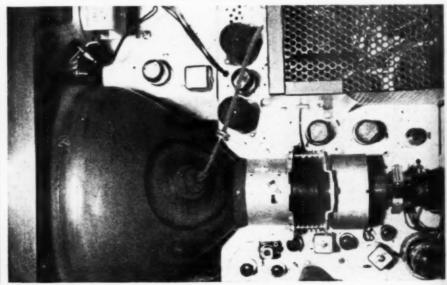
The illustration shows this section of the tube in the RCA 8T241 TV receiver. Note the insulated ring through which the high-voltage lead runs. This ring acts as a stand-off insulator and is sup. ported by a thin, stiff wire running to the yoke assembly mount.

When corona occurs, this bare surface area should be wiped clean and dry with a cloth so that not only the moisture is removed, but the dust as well, for the latter absorbs moisture and makes this area more prone to corona. Any smudges or smears should be removed with a cloth which has been dipped in carbon tetrachloride; then the surface wiped again with a dry cloth.

In sections of the country where humidity is unusually high, corona effect can also be minimized by giving the picture tube a slight rotation to bring the bare circular area closer to tubes which generate heat. For the set in the illustration, this would mean a quarter turn to the left, bringing the area nearer the two tubes shown. These tubes (6SN7 and 6K6) are the normal size receiving type and would produce heat more quickly than the tubes on the right, which are the miniature type in the r.f. section of the receiver. This shortens the warm-up period of the high-voltage section of the picture tube and aids in keeping it dry.

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To prevent arcing, keep high-voltage lead away from all metal parts.



Television Receivers

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arity of the discriminator transformer and the 4.5 mc. pick-off coil. Be sure to use as small a signal as possible when aligning the 4.5 mc. amplifier and the succeeding FM detector circuit, since strong signals cause the tubes to load down the tuning coils, altering their response characteristics. In this respect, one large manufacturer whose sets were suffering from the 60-cycle buzz found that the ratio detector transformer needed replacement because of its poor balance. Therefore, carefully check both halves of the detector response curve to see that they are sufficiently linear.

Finally, an incorrect setting of the local oscillator frequency, if sufficiently far removed from its proper frequency, will also produce the buzz. What happens here is the shifting of the sound carrier along the i.f. response curve to a point where it receives more amplification than it should with this system. The setting of the oscillator frequency becomes increasingly critical as the amplification accorded the sound carrier in the i.f. system increases. Thus, in the Motorola receiver previously analyzed, the level of the sound carrier was only 15.6 db. below that of the video carrier, whereas a better value would have been 26 db. It is to be expected, therefore, that the setting of the oscillator frequency will be more critical in the *Motorola* set than in another receiver which provides for a greater db. difference between the two carriers in the i.f. system. It is interesting to note that while the first *Motorola* models did not contain a fine-tuning control, the more recent models do.

It is not always true that the appearance of the 60-cycle buzz indicates that the receiver is at fault. As indicated earlier, the station may be the offender. When there is more than one station locally, switching to these other stations will soon indicate where the difficulty lies. If the buzzing is evident with every station, it is safe to assume that the set is at fault. On the other hand, if the buzz is present only for one station, then the receiver is operating normally and the trouble arises at the transmitter. When a community is served by only one station, the best method is to observe whether other Intercarrier receivers exhibit the buzz. It is a good practice to have a monitor receiver on at all times, one which is kept in top operating condition. This will serve as a standard against which sets brought into the shop can be compared.

One more word before leaving Intercarrier TV. From all indications, the number of manufacturers using this system is increasing, and it would not be surprising to find them in the majority in a year or two.

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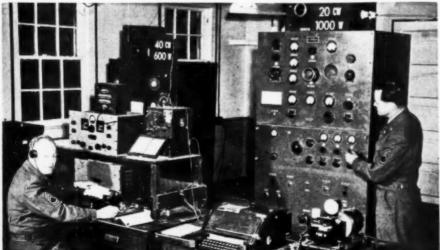
AS might be expected in view of its mission, the Signal School of the United States Army, located at Fort Monmouth, N. J., boasts of one of the largest and most elaborate ham stations in the country. Formerly licensed as W2OEC and W2MON, it was recently assigned the appropriate call, K2USA. Under the supervision of M/Sgt. Frank T. Hass, it is very active in the MARS nets.

Separate transmitters and antennas are used for 20-, 40- and 80-meter c.w., with power running from 400 to 1000

watts. One BC-610 (the military version of the *Hallicrafters* HT-4) is kept on 10-meter phone and another is used for either 20- or 75-meter phone. Name any receiver and you'll find it in the place.

K2USA is open almost around the clock to all military personnel with ham tickets and is well patronized. A typical group is likely to include colonels and corporals, and occasionally a general looks in. Altogether, the maintenance of the place is a full-time job for Master Sergeant Hass R.H.

M/Sgt. Frank T. Hass, at left, operates the U. S. Army Amateur Station. K2USA.





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NEW TV RECEIVERS on the Market

TABLE MODEL TV RECEIVERS

The two new table model television receivers, 610 and 612, announced by the *Hoffman Radio Corp.*, Los Angeles, Calif., feature channelized station selectors, picture synchronizers, volume control, and a new automatic gain control that stabilizes picture contrast.



Other features incorporated in each of these two models are the Hoffman "Easy Vision" lens, an acoustically engineered Alnico PM speaker, and easily serviced and rigid tube mounting for stable performance. Twenty tubes (many dual purpose) in each, plus rectifier and picture tubes, produce reception comparable to larger sets.

Both models are available with matching stands and are available in a choice of two beautifully designed cabinets, combed grain blonde oak, with modern hardware and matching doors, or mahogany, with traditional hardware. The 610 is 18¾ inches wide, 14¼ inches high, and 20¼ inches deep, while the 612 is 20½ inches wide, 16½ inches high, and 21½ inches deep.

TELE KING "GRAMERCY"

A remarkably compact ten-inch table model is Model T-410, the "Gramercy," produced by the *Tele King Corporation*, 601 W. 26th St., New York, N. Y.

It has a full 52 square inch "Tele-



ramic" picture, which helps to insure perfect definition and resolution of vision and sound. The cabinets are either walnut or mahogany, with contrasting swirl grain panelling, and being only $15\frac{1}{4}$ inches high, $21\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide and $19\frac{1}{4}$ inches deep, are easily moved from room to room.

16-INCH TV CONSOLETTE

United States Television Mfg. Corp., 3 West 61st St., New York 23, N. Y., has produced its first 16-inch television consolette, containing FM high-fidelity radio, as well as large-screen television.

The third consolette offered by *UST*, the company having previously introduced a 12-inch and a 15-inch consolette, it incorporates all the TV reception refinements offered in these other popular sets. It contains 26 tubes, including 3 rectifiers in addition to the 16-inch cathode ray tube, and has an all-channel tuner and automatic synchronizing control that assures picture stability.

With the introduction of this latest



receiver, the *UST* line now is one of the most extensive in television, ranging from ten-inch table models to commercial units that throw pictures as large as 12 by 16 feet on a remote screen.

INSTITUTIONAL TELEVISION

Telecoin Corporation, 12 East 44th St., New York 17, N. Y., has introduced Tele-Video, a four-unit installation hooked together by cables, which is adaptable for projection on screens up to 63 square feet (7 by 9 feet).

This reflection-projector institutional system presents life-size pictures, and its flexibility of installation makes it readily adaptable to a wide range in shape and size of rooms. It uses an optical principle in which the picture is thrown on a 14-inch parabolic mirror and projected through a specially designed picture corrector on the screen a few feet distant.

The four major components are a master remote control unit providing

all-channel tuning, a remote driver unit, audio amplifier, and optical barrel, besides 49 electronic vacuum tubes, more than double the number used in the average home television receiver. These four major components are mounted on an individual chassis of blue-green Hammeroid finished steel with chrome trim.

TRANS-VUE ENTERTAINER

Trans-Vue Corp., 1139-41 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago 5, Ill., has announced the distribution of a remote control television unit designed for use in commercial locations.

Multiple remote television viewing units can be placed separately in any part of the room or rooms and be controlled from the one conveniently placed "master tuner." Patrons in any part of the room can hear properly as well as see the program, because there is equal tone distribution.

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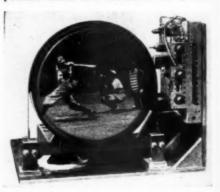
For best viewing at any angle the remote unit design provides 8-degree angle compensation. The cabinet size is 23 inches high, 22½ inches wide, and

28% inches deep.

T-69 TV CHASSIS

The Hallicrafters Company, 4401 West Fifth Avenue, Chicago 24, Illinois, is showing a 15-inch TV chassis designed for custom installation. The unit needs only a cabinet or mounting space in the wall.

The T-69 was especially manufactured for big-picture tube operation and gives a 130 square inch picture on the 15-inch, direct-view tube. Component units are mounted on a rein-



forced wood frame to make one complete structure that can be slipped into a cabinet or opening in wall, bookshelves, etc. Over-all size is 19½ by 23 by 21¼ inches.

Included also is an 8-inch PM speaker and 300-ohm twin-lead for any standard antenna. The receiver chassis, speaker, picture tube, and rectifier chassis are connected with plug and socket connectors so the relative





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positions can be altered if desired. A particular feature is all-channel push-button tuning, providing instant station selection on any of the twelve tuning channels.

ALL PURPOSE CHASSIS

Sightmaster Corporation recently introduced its all-purpose television chassis at its showroom, 20 East 35th St., New York City.

Named the "Sightmaster 50," this chassis is the first in which any size television tube, 10 to 20 inches, can be used and is the culmination of eight months of intensive engineering and field testing. Twenty-seven tubes, including the viewing tube, are incorporated in it.

The design of the chassis permits the use of smaller cabinets, which makes for greater beauty, and either a remote control unit or conventional controls can be utilized. Having been built from a quality point of view, embodying new improvements and refinements, it sets a high standard in TV engineering and design.

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New TV Screen
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has no tendency to lighten grays or blacks. (See Fig. 2.)

The result is a screen in which the contrast is appreciably greater than that obtainable with ordinary cathoderay tubes, allowing the various portions of the image to achieve their proper shading and therefore not requiring excessive illumination in order to obtain fidelity and contrast. So marked is this effect, when viewed for a few minutes by the average person, that the result is the ability to look at the screen throughout a typical period of entertainment without any of the fatigue associated with ordinary TV viewing. In tests conducted with layman observers, it was conclusively shown that when viewing the new tube, these observers set the contrast control, on the average, to approximately one-half the setting that was employed when using the conventional cathode-ray tube.

Further desirable effects can be obtained by the use of metal such as zirconium in the screen. This is a poor secondary emitter, opaque to light and yet a good gas getter, which, under the influence of bombardment. picks up gas occluded in the rest of the cathode-ray tube. The combination of a getter within the screen powder and a light absorber is one of the features of this process. As a matter of fact, a highly reflective substance, such as silver, which could be opaque to light and yet reflect internally the light from the luminescent crystal, would be highly desirable. It might actually improve the light and, at the same time, discourage dispersion if the rear side thereof were covered with a dark substance, or the silver oxidized. This is done to discourage reflection, but the crystal is left exposed, however, to the rear,

Development of this screen was done by Warren G. Taylor, E. Browning, and the author, all working under the direction of Dr. Lee DeForest, Director of Research of American Television, Inc.

International Short-Wave

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Servicio Radiofonico Internacional (S.R.I.), and stations used are LRU, 15.29, Radio El Mundo; LRS, 11.88, Radio Splendide, and LRY, 9.445, Radio Belgrano.

Schedule was given as Spanish LRU, 1600-2100 and LRY, 1545-1645; English, LRS, 1731-2030; French, LRS. 1600-1730; Italian, LRY, 1515-1745; Portuguese, LRS, 0600-0800, 1000. 1300, 2030-2230. However, these schedules seem to fluctuate from day to day. LRU, 15.29, appears to have Eng. around 2100-0100 daily, while LRY, 9.455, seems to have its evening program around 2130-0100. Usually, news is given around or on the hour. Programs begin and end with announcements in Spanish and in the language of the transmission; programs consist of the "news bulletin of the S.R.I.," with Argentinian and some international news; musical programs (both popular and classical). and some specialized commentaries on sports, movies, and so on.

Reports are requested to Servicio Radiofonica Internacional, in care of the station heard, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

* * * Mexico City Conference

The High Frequency Broadcasting Conference of Mexico City concluded after nearly six months of work. Some countries signed the agreement relating to the frequency allocation plan prepared by the conference. Eighteen countries (including the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R.) did not sign it. The U.S.A. delegation was not able to agree to the plan since it considered that it is technically unsound in some aspects, due to the inclusion of more broadcasting hours than can be accommodated without severe interference between stations operating on the same channel, that the division of frequency time among the countries is not equitable, and that deliberate jamming of U.S. broadcasts is now being carried out by stations which direction finders indicate are located in the U.S.S.R. The assignment plan agreed upon is for one season and sunspot number index. A technical planning committee was to meet on June 15 in France to work out six additional plans for other seasons and sunspot numbers. Later in the year another High Frequency Broadcasting Conference will be held in Italy to consider the plans prepared by the technical planning committee. (This report comes from Roger Legge, New York, who attended the Conference, and it appeared in Universalite. house organ of the Universal Radio DX Club.-KRB)

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DX Notes Summer schedules of "Sweden Calling DX-ers" is Saturdays 0215, 6.065. 15.155; 1015, 10.780, 15.155, and 2015, 10.780, 15.155.

For the summer, the weekly DX program from Radio Australia is scheduled for Sundays beginning 0843 in the East Coast beam over VLB, 9.54 VLC7. 11.81. Schedules for the DX session in other beams remain the same.

From Russell Henderson, Swiss

Short-wave Service, comes this letter: "We should like to thank you sincerely for your fine collaboration in our recent contest which we broadcast for all-comers in honor of the International Short-wave Club (London). The reception reports, all of them, which we received in answer to our competition, have not only been a heart-warming indication of the collaboration of our DX friends, but also a very valuable indication of reception of our short-wave stations in all parts of the world. Reports came from places as far apart as Canada and Korea, and from youngsters of twelve and old-timers nearly in their seventies, from doctors in England and soldiers on Malta, from students in Sweden, and from radio engineers in Australia.

"The winner of the first prize in the ISWC section was Reginald H. Greenland, 39, Kensington Road, Barnsley, Yorkshire, England, who will receive a Swiss music-box, as will the winner of the all-comers' section, George A. E. Major, Roselyn, Somerville Street, Manjimup, Western Australia (George is an ISW Dept. monitor.-KRB). The ten runners-up in both sections will receive illustrated books on Switzerland, and a further fifty DX entrants will receive illustrated books on Switzerland."

Mr. Henderson listed that "a second prize went to Jack E. Gardner, Jacksonville. Florida, and runners-up prizes were sent to R. O. Lyttle, North Bay, Ontario, Canada; Glenn Richards, Sheboygan, Wisconsin; August Balbi, Los Angeles, California, and Gustave Magnusson, Providence. Rhode Island." (Most of these winners are ISW Dept. monitors-KRB.)

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Radio Club Notes

Belgium—Leopoldville recently announced that the Belgian Amateur Union is interested in contacting listeners throughout the world; QRA was given as Belgian Amateur Union, ONL 193, P.O. Box 643, Brussels, Belgium. (Barnes, N.Y.)

U.S.A.—Newly-elected officers of the Newark News Radio Club, 215 Market Street, Newark, New Jersey, include Irving R. Potts, president; Peter J. McKenna, executive secretary; Benjamin Feinstein, assistant executive secretary; and Walter L. Townley, treasurer. Several ties existed in the

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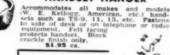
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These current QRA's from Fellers, Hawaii, were copied from recent verifications: Norwegian State Broadcasting System, Short-wave Division, Oslo, Norway-Radio Sweden, Short-wave Section, Stockholm, Sweden-Directeur du Cabinet du Governor General, Service Information. Radio Noumea. Noumea, New Caledonia-British Far Eastern Broadcasting Service, P.O. Box 434, Singapore, Malaya-Directorate General, Broadcasting House, All India Radio, New Delhi, India-Program Director, English Foreign Broadcasts, Radio Indonesia, Batavia, Indonesia-Northern Rhodesia Broadcasting Station, P.O. Box 209, Lusaka, Northern Rhodesia-Jean Pipon, English Department, Radio Saigon, Bureau and Studios, 86 Rue MacMahon (P.O. Box 412), Saigon, Fr. Indo-China-Radio Clube de Mocambique, Caixa Postale 594, Lourenco Marques, Mozambique-Radio Brazzaville, Poste National Francaise, Brazzaville, Fr. Equatorial Africa—"The Goodwill Station, OTC," Leopoldville, Belgian Congo—Hong Kong Broadcasting Station, Gloucester Building, 2nd Fl., Hong Kong-Swiss Short-wave Service. 28 Neuengasse, Berne, Switzerland.

QRA for reports on Pakistan stations is I. A. Ansari, Esquire, Deputy Engineer-in-Charge of High-power Transmitters, Karachi, Pakistan; no IRC necessary. (Fried, Mich.)

YSUA, Radio Mil Cincuenta, la avenida SUR No. 50, San Salvador, Republica de el Salvador, C.A., verified by letter in Spanish; however, this station verifies reports written in English. (Weisberg, N.Y.)

Radio El Mundo, 555 Calle Maipu. Buenos Aires, Argentina, QSL'd with white card over pale blue call letters; took two months by ordinary mail.

Pearce, England, received reply on report of English transmissions from Romana Libera, 6.205; QSL card (map of Europe with position of Roumania indicated) came from Societatea Romana de Radiodifuziune, Bucharesti, Str. General Berthalot No. 60, Republica Populara Romana. Kary recently received verification from this QRA for his report on the 9.252 channel.

Kary has also received verification from BEA8, 9.730, Nanking, written just before that station was taken over by the Chinese Communists.

TGDA, 7.462, Quezaltenango, Guatemala, verifies with pink and red card printed in blue and showing a picture of a building, has message on reverse side; signed by Fernando Behar Alcahe; QRA is Independencia 8; verified in 20 days. (URDXC)

QRA for Tananarive is FIQA. Radio Tananarive, Haut Comissariat de la Republique, Service General de L'Information, Service de la Radiodiffusion, Tananarive, Madagascar; for Belgrade it is Radio Beograd, Secretariat, Belgrade, Yugoslavia. (Pearce. England)

WRA-11, 18.450, RCA Communications, Inc., British P.O. Box 57, Tangier, Morocco, wrote: "While it is not our practice as a commercial communications company to encourage ama. teur reception of our point-to-point directed signals, I am pleased to confirm that WRA-11 was operating on a point-to-point radio telephone circuit between RCA Communications, Inc., in Tangier, Morocco, and our stations in New York." Signed K. L. Hancock, engineer-in-charge, transmitting. (NNRC)

Last Minute Tips

Budapest, recently returned to the air on s.w. for first time since war's end, is reported to have moved from 9.700 to 9.818 in the 31-m. band; the frequency in parallel is approximately 6.205 (or 6.250?). (Swedish DX program)

All Communist-controlled Chinese outlets have ceased announcing former "X" calls, but the calls may not have been dropped entirely.

Evening schedule for LRU, 15.29. Buenos Aires, Argentina, appears now 2100-0100; LRY, 9.455, at 2115-0100. (Rosenauer, Calif.) These carry international programs as does LRS, 11.88. Laubscher, South Africa, hears LRY well to closedown 0100.

VLX3, 9.610, Perth, parallels VLW3, 11.830, to 0500 sign-off; returns 0515 via VLX2, 6.130, and VLW5, 9.610. (Kary)

K4AF, 14.240, Pentagon Building, Washington 25, D. C., heard recently 1215-1256; is headquarters for "MARS" (Military Amateur Radio System); nice card and verifies promptly. (Ferguson, N. C.)

Pearce, England, flashes that Eng-

Arne Skoog, DX Editor for Radio Sweden and head of International League of Short-wave Editors, in process of recording a DX broadcast in Stockholm.



RADIO & TELEVISION NEWS

lish programs from Rome on 9.63, 11.81, are now at 1410-1445, news 1430; that Warsaw, 6.215, Poland, now has news 1430, and that Sofia, 7.671, has adjusted English broadcasts to 1520-1530, 1645-1700.

The Chinese station on approximately 11.685, mornings, seems to have an irregular schedule. (Rosenauer, Calif.) This is believed to be BCAF (old XGAF, Nanking, now removed to Taiwan, Formosa). Sanderson, Australia, reports this one at 0545 with English-Chinese lesson, then music. Gaynor, Calif., says recently it has been closing 0930 instead of former 1000; he notes no English except for announcing Western musical numbers.

Sampat, India, informs that Radio Jodhpur, Rajputana, is currently on 3.775 from 0800 to 0930 weekdays and Sundays 0800-1000, news 0840; he adds however, that was

to move shortly to 8550 for the summer.

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DTSP (?), 15.105, Munich, Germany, tuned 0906 when was talking to New York; press report from Vienna followed to 0928; at 0930-0945 in German, then announced and continued with press reports from Berlin; signed off 0955 point-to-point with "Voice of America."

URDXC reports that Radio Martinique is now a National Station and that within a few months "will be bound to the French Broadcasting System," when will be equipped with a high-powered transmitter ("double 25 kw.") and will start in service by 1950. It is believed the increased power will enable Martinique to be heard even in the Far East. QRA is Le Directeur du Service de L'Information, Radio Martinique, Department de la Martinique, Fort-de-France, Martinique, French West Indies; is now on 9.700 with 1.2 kw., heard around 1830.

Summer set-up for West Coast beam from Radio Aus-

tralia, 2330-0045, is VLA8, 11.76; VLC9, 17.84; VLG6, 15.320; and to Africa, VLB5, 21.540; Sunday DX session remains 0025. In the British Isles-Europe beam 0200-0315, VLB9, 9.58, has been replaced by VLB6, 15.200.

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First appearance is striking. It doesn't look like a ham shack at all. There is no haywire. All of the control lines to the transmitters and beam antennas are neatly cabled and there is a rug on the floor. The entire room is spotless. The conventional QSL wallpaper is conspicuous by its absence. A certificate of recognition from the ARRL for W5AAF's work in the Texas City disaster and a membership certificate in the League, neatly framed, are the only adornments on the walls.

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Captain Lewis has held a ticket since 1929, which almost makes him an old-timer. His first call was W9ZZS. In addition to being trustee of W5AAF, he is Communications Offi-

S/Sqt. Bill Fortune. Jr., W5MGO, chief op at W5AAF, doing some brass pounding on 40.



cer. Technical Services Staff, San Antonio Air Materiel Area.

W5AAF keeps a regular schedule with K8AIR at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base at Dayton, Ohio; and Captain Jim Ford, MARS Command Director for the Air Materiel Command uses W5AAF as a criteria for other AMC MARS installations. -30-

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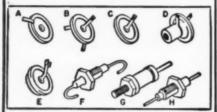
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Mobile Transceiver

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from the front end, and the tuning condenser is mounted thereon with a small strip of polystyrene. The shaft is coupled to the dial with an insulated coupling. The dial is a 3" National type "BM," and is illuminated by a dial light projecting through the front panel behind the dial. The other end of the hairpin tank circuit is fastened to a small ceramic pillar. The coupling link is also mounted on ceramic pillars. Output and power jacks are on the rear.

Alignment and Testing

The receiver and transmitter may be tested with a 300 volt 100 ma. power supply from the home location. The most obvious point to begin with is the common audio system. First let the filaments warm for a few seconds. then turn on "B plus." The relays should snap over. The relay control circuit should be tested by pushing the test button, and if both relays operate positively, all is well. Touching the grid of the first audio amplifier should produce a loud hum. To test the audio on transmit position, clip a pair of phones (through a condenser) across the secondary of the modulation transformer, plug in the microphone, press the switch, and whisper, "Hello." Don't turn up the gain too high, or you will be minus a pair of phones, and possibly eardrums. When you are convinced that the audio is working in both positions, you can proceed to align the receiver. A signal generator is helpful, but not necessary. Plug in the 6C4 detector tube and advance the regeneration control. The familiar superregenerative rushing should be heard at about midscale. Now, tune your regular communications receiver to about 10.7 megacycles and adjust the detector coil slug until a lot of hash is heard on the communications set. The detector is now operating at 10.7 mc. Now, wrap an insulated wire around the grid lead of the mixer stage of your communications receiver, and tune in a signal close to 10.7 mc. There are usually a number of foreign broadcast stations operating near this frequency. Connect this wire to the grid of the 6AK5 mixer stage. The signal should also come through the superregenerative detector. Adjust the slugs on the first i.f. transformer for maximum signal. The i.f. is now aligned. Since the circuits are fairly broad, no fine alignment is necessary. Getting the local oscillator working is the next job. When the local oscillator power is applied, a reading of about one ma. should be gotten across the 100 ohm resistor in series with the grid leak. The tuning dial should be set to midscale and the trimmer set to about 146 mc. plus 10.7 mc, or about 158 mc. This is best done with an absorption wavemeter, using

the dip in oscillator grid current as an indication of resonance. Then, couple the oscillator to the receiver through the coax cable. The oscillator coupling coil on the main chassis should then be tuned until the grid current meter on the oscillator dips. The coupling hairpin link should be adjusted until the oscillator grid current is about 75 percent of its no-load value. Tighter coupling than this will cause the oscillator to be unstable. Tuning the oscillator away from midscale should cause the grid current to rise slowly. and at either end of the dial it should be about 90 per-cent of its no-load value. Now, connect an antenna to the set; signals should be heard, if any stations are on. Tune in a weak signal and adjust the antenna trimmer for maximum quieting. This completes the receiver alignment.

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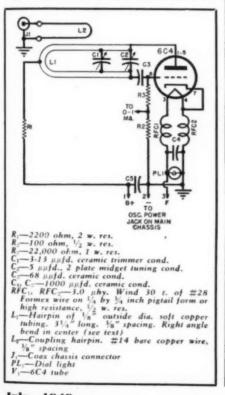
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The transmitter tuning is much simpler, requiring nothing but a 0-50 milliammeter. Plug in the oscillatortripler tube, set the meter switch to read tripler grid current, press the test button, and resonate C_1 (Fig. 5) for maximum tripler grid current. This should be between 2 and 3 ma. Incidentally, a bakelite screwdriver or wrench should be used for these adjustments since the trimmers are returned to "B plus." Next, check the oscillator plate current. This should be about 10 ma. Switch the meter to the tripler plate and tune Cs (Fig. 5) for a dip, about 10 ma. It would be a good idea to check this circuit with a wavemeter, to make sure that it is actually tripling and not doubling or quadrupling. Next, plug in the 7F8 amplifier tube, but disconnect its plate voltage lead from the terminal board.

Fig. 7. Schematic of the receiver oscillator.





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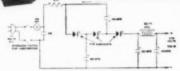
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Installation

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Of course, a good antenna is essential for good results. The best type possible on a car is the quarter-wave ground-plane vertical, mounted on the center of the car's roof, which is the

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ground plane. If the XYL objects to your boring holes in the top of the car. the antenna may be mounted with rubber suction cups available in any auto supply store. The lead-in may be either 52 ohm coax or two lengths of 75 ohm twin-lead connected in parallel. The latter actually works better since it more nearly matches the impedance of the antenna. Also, it is so thin that it may be jammed under the window, which cannot be done with coax, unless you don't object to drafts in cold weather. All cables carrying 6 volts should be of heavy wire, No. 14 or better, and where wires pass under the car chassis a good grade of insulation should be used.

Remarks

The rig gave remarkably little trouble in its construction and installation, and most circuits worked right off the bat. Only one trouble turned up: when the transmitter was first turned up we had a bad case of r.f. feedback to the audio system. Bypasses were tried here and there to no avail until a point was found right at one of the relay contacts that seemed to be causing all the trouble. This is shown as C_{10} (Fig. 2) on the diagram. In another layout, this might be needed elsewhere or not needed at all. No parasitics or traces of instability turned up anywhere, which is quite remarkable in a rig built so compactly. QSO's have been had over distances of many miles while riding, and everyone worked has reported the signal clean and steady. All in all, quite an improvement over the v.h.f. mobile rig of another day. -30-

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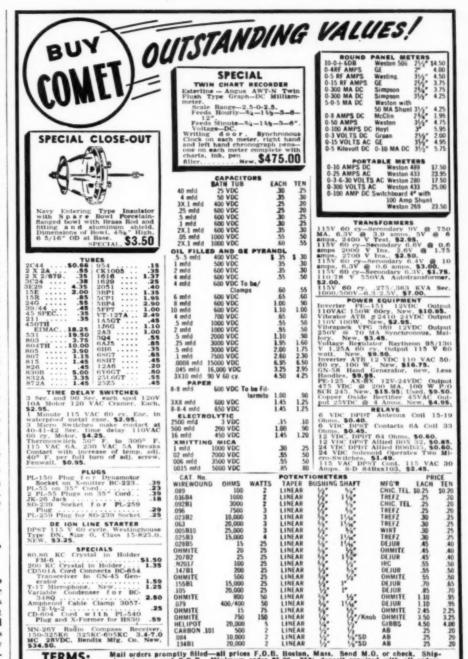
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AFCA CHAPTER NOTES

Atlanta

On April 18th, the officers and directors of the chapter met at a luncheon at the Athletic Club to hear Brig. Gen. S. H. Sherrill, AFCA National Executive Director, describe the activities at the third annual meeting in Washington in March. Chapter President Dan McKeever presided and introduced Maj. Gen. E. W. Smith, commander of the 108th Airborne Division, Organized Reserves; W. H. Mansfield, AFCA area representative and asst. vice-pres. of Southern Bell T & T; James Bonner, genl. sales mgr., Southern Bell; and Col. Charles Olin, Signal Officer Third Army.

At the regular meeting on May 11th, Maj. Gen. F. L. Ankenbrandt, Director of Air Force Communications, was the honor guest of the chapter together with Col. George W. Goddard, Air Force photography expert, who demonstrated the three-dimension color strip photography that featured the 1948 AFCA meeting at Wright Field.

Augusta-Camp Gordon

The charter for this new chapterthe 33rd-was formally presented by Brig. Gen. S.-H. Sherrill, National Executive Director, at the chapter's first organized meeting, April 19th, at the Officers' Club, Camp Gordon. Col. Harold Osborne presided. He introduced Maj. Gen. Spencer B. Akin, Chief Signal Officer of the Army, who spoke briefly about AFCA and its objectives, especially as a means of further unifying the communications activities in the three services.

The following were chosen as interim officers of the chapter: honorary president—M. S. Symms, Southern Bell T & T Co.; president—H. A. Fleming, Southern Bell T & T Co.; vice-president-F. A. Saxon, Georgia Power Company; honorary secretarytreasurer-Maj. Norman L. Kinley, Camp Gordon; secretary-treasurer-

Maj. Nell Farnham, Camp Gordon, It was decided to hold meetings at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month, alternating between Augusta and Camp Gordon.

Chicago

The Chicago chapter held a meeting on May 20th for the purpose of reorganizing and planning chapter activities. Oliver Read, chapter president, and T. S. Gary, AFCA National Director in charge of chapters, arranged the meeting. Speakers included Admiral Earl E. Stone, Chief of Naval Communications; Fred R. Lack, president-elect of AFCA and vice-president of Western Electric Co. and Brig. Gen. S. H. Sherrill.

Detroit

An organizational meeting to establish a chapter in Detroit was held on May 19th. Some fifty representatives of communications and photography were present, including officials from Selfridge Field, the local radio stations, General Motors, Ford Motor Co., Western Union, and the Michigan Bell Telephone Co. Mr. George T. Jeffers. district commercial supt. of Michigan Bell, made the arrangements for the meeting. Brig. Gen. S. H. Sherrill, AFCA Executive Director, came from Washington to outline the procedures to follow in establishing the chapter.

European

The Spring convention of the European Chapter was held in Frankfurt on April 30th. The guest speaker was Maj. Gen. R. W. Douglas, Jr., Air Force Chief of Staff, USAFE. He congratulated the chapter on its activities under the severe handicaps which exist in the European Theater. He stated that thirty per-cent of the Air Force was engaged in communications work and described the communications systems in use in the European Theater.

After reports from the various committees and sub-chapters, the annual election of officers was held. The result was as follows: president-Martin M. Newcomer, representative of The Western Union Telegraph Co. in Germany; vice-president-Lt. Col. Steve J. Gadler, USAFE, Chief, Electronic Supply; executive secretary-Chase E. Laurendine, retiring chapter president, Communications Group, Bi-Partite Control office, Frankfurt; treasurer—Capt. Winston Williams, OIC. Communications Center, ASA, Frankfurt; counsel-Lt. Col. R. W. White, Administrative Officer, OC-SigO, Heidelberg.

At the conclusion of the meeting,

the members participated in two scheduled tours-one to the Rhein-Main to see the GCA, and the other to the air traffic control center in Frank-

Kentucky

The Kentucky Chapter is the winner of the second annual "Chapter of the Year" contest. A special scroll for "excellence in activities, in interest and initiative, and in contribution toward the objectives of the association" will be presented to the chapter at its next meeting by T. S. Gary, AFCA National Director in charge of chapters.

New York

The program for the April meeting, held at the Seventh Regiment Armory on April 28, was sponsored by the Air Force members of the chapter. Due to unforeseen circumstances, General Gordon Saville, Commanding General of the Air Force Defense Command at Mitchell Field, who had been scheduled to speak, was detained in Washington and could not be present. Col. Hobart Yeager, director of communications and electronics of the Continental Air Command, acted as "pinch-hitter" for General Saville and gave a very interesting description of the organization of the Command and its communications problems. He also presented an unusual motion picture dealing with atomic energy, called "God and the Atomic Bomb."

Col. John A. Hartman, USAFR, then discussed the plans and functions of AFCA as applied to the Air Force membership and urged all eligible personnel to join the New York chapter. Mr. Fred R. Lack, president-elect of AFCA, and vice-president of Western Electric Co., followed with an informal talk on the events of the recent annual AFCA convention in

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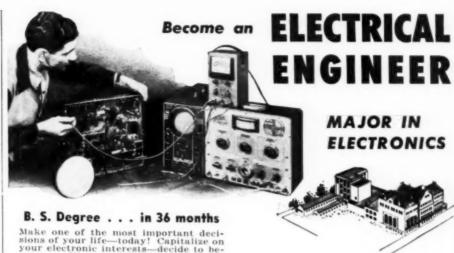
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ıg, 'S Philadelphia The Philadelphia chapter has launched a campaign to bring about greater understanding and cooperation between members of the armed forces and the communications industry in its area. The first of a series of meetings in line with this objective was held on April 19th at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. More than fifty persons attended a dinner at the Officers' Club and then toured the Navy Yard to inspect shipboard communications equipment.

Pittsburgh

The regular monthly meeting of the chapter was held on April 12th in the Auditorium of the Bell Telephone Building. Further consideration was given to problems submitted by the AFCA National Advisory Committee. Subjects and discussion leaders were: "Reduction of Time between Experimental and Production Models of Communications Equipment"—E. N. Wells, Bell Telephone Co. of Pa.; "Evaluation of Production Capacity by a Unit other than the Dollar"-C. A.



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Mr. D. L. Chaffee, engineer, Copperweld Steel Company, reviewed the AFCA annual meeting held in Washington.

Richmond

The Richmond Chapter wound up its activities for the season with a dinner meeting at Ewart's Cafeteria on April 26th. Photography was the theme of the evening's program. Mr. G. Alexander Roberson, chairman of the Photographic Committee of the National Speleological Society, was the guest speaker and gave an illustrated talk on "Spelunking (Cave Exploring) as a Hobby."

Seattle

Forty-one members attended the April 12th meeting at the American Legion Hall. President Maurice Kerr discussed the campaign being conducted to publicize AFCA and increase its membership in the Seattle area.

Mr. Marshall B. James of Northwestern Agencies spoke on the many uses of titanium and the important place this metal will take in the world markets in the next few years. A technical lecture was given by Maj. F. J. Werthmann, covering diversity receivers, frequency shift circuits, filters, multiplex mixer amplifiers, triple diversity, teletype circuits and use of keying c.w. on voice transmissions.

South Carolina

At a dinner meeting at the Fort Jackson Officers' Club on April 20th the foundation was laid for AFCA's newest chapter—known as the South Carolina Chapter. Arrangements were made by Col. Fred Fister of the South Carolina division of the Southern Bell T & T Co. Over one hundred were present, with a large delegation from Charleston, headed by Capt. R. E. Melling, USN, Naval District communications officer; and a group from the Greenville Air Force Base headed by Lt. L. W. Lansdowne.

The honor guest was Maj. Gen. G. H. Decker, Commanding General of the 5th Division and Fort Jackson, who spoke briefly of his experience with communications and his opinion of AFCA's mission as an instrument of military preparedness. Mr. Ralph Grist of Atlanta represented AFCA's area representative Wm. H. Mansfield and discussed the progress made in establishing chapters in the South. He then introduced Brig. Gen. S. H. Sherrill, national executive director, who had come from Washington to describe the activities and purposes of the association and the procedures to follow in forming a chapter.

The following were chosen as interim officers to take immediate action toward increasing the chapter's membership and organizing committees to plan a worthwhile program of activities: president—J. M. McAlister, Southern Bell, Charleston; vice-presidents—J. L. H. Young, Southern Bell,

Charleston; Capt. R. E. Melling, USN, Charleston; Lt. L. W. Lansdowne, Greenville Air Force Base; secretary —Lt. George A. Frakas, Fort Jackson.

Southern California

The March meeting was addressed by Dr. I. H. Swift of the Naval Ordnance Test Station at Inyokern. He gave the audience an excellent picture of how analog computers operate and demonstrated them in the form of two simulated airplanes, in one of which was a simulated gunsight.

Lt. Col. H. W. O. Kinnard, USA, director of the Airborne Service Test Section of Army Field Forces Board #1, Fort Bragg, N. C., addressed the May 12th meeting on "Airborne Operations, Past, Present and Future." Col. Kinnard was well qualified to present this subject. During the war, he was a member of the 101st Airborne Division, and since that time has been one of the group principally responsible for developments in this field. He is temporarily stationed in Los Angeles as technical advisor on a motion picture pertaining to airborne operations.

Spanish War Veterans Division

The 49th annual reunion of the Spanish War Division of the U. S. Veteran Signal Corps Association, which is also an honorary chapter of AFCA, was held at the Hotel Victoria in New York on April 30th. Col. George P. Dixon, President of AFCA's New York Chapter, represented the Association at the luncheon and extended the best wishes of National Headquarters.



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BY HARRY AICHNER

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Spot Radio News

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Just how many receivers will be in operation, or whether the receivers will be purely experimental or actually commercial models, designed for future marketing, is not known at this writing. There have been reports that the receivers may be production run models and even offered for sale in the Bridgeport area. Standard receivers with converters, which proved so effective in the Washington tests, will also he used during these studies.

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FM SPRANG INTO THE NA-TIONAL headlines recently as the result of two addresses, one in Columbus, Ohio, and the other in Washing-

During the Columbus talk at the Ohio State University meeting of the Institute for Education by Radio, Leonard H. Marks, Washington general counsel for the FM Association, bluntly asked FCC Chairman Wayne Cov for official action clarifying the future status of FM broadcasting, accenting the fact that for eighteen months, the FM industry has been beset with problems resulting from indecision on part of the Commission.

The association counsel was extremely critical of the delays encountered by FM broadcasters in applying for construction permits for new FM stations.

"There was a time," he said, "when FM applications were acted upon within sixty to ninety days after they were filed. That day has unfortunately passed. Frequently a simple application for FM facilities will take eight months to be considered. During that time the applicant's interest will naturally wane."

A few days later Rep. Francis E. Walter addressed the House on the tardy progress of FM, declaring that "FM has been obstructed, stepped on, blocked, or ignored from the start."

The representative declared that as a result of his talk, during which he said that the FCC has been guilty of an "appallingly flagrant disservice to the nation's progress by its hurtful impeding of FM," his mail was not only voluminous, but startling. Accordingly, the congressman has asked for an investigation of alleged violations by the FCC of the Federal Administrative Procedures Act.

Describing his motive for the query, Walter said: "It is a basic declaration of the Administrative Procedures Act that every agency shall proceed with reasonable dispatch to conclude any matter presented to it, and this has been obviously disregarded by the Commission."

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The fiery legislator also accused the Commission of delays in granting permits and licenses and the violation or bypassing of its own regulations in many decisions.

Looks as if there is quite a series of roaring debates and hearings ahead for the Senate Commerce Committee, the FCC and other communication departments in Washington.

AN INTERESTING EVALUATION of the growth of mobile units in the safety and special radio services, recently prepared by the FCC, shows that there are more than 200,000 units

in the field.

The police lead the active users, with nearly 44,000 radio-equipped cars. Other users include the aeronautical group with close to 25,000 units; marine, over 17,000; industrial, nearly 28,000; forestry, over 7000; fire, nearly 3000; railroad, nearly 2000; transit utility, over 1000; special emergency, over 400; highway maintenance, nearly 400; and the experimental group, which includes taxicabs, buses and trucks, with close to 75,000 vehicles in the field.

In 1947, there were around 135,000 two-way cars licensed, and at the end of this year, it appears as though there'll be nearly 250,000 talk-andlisten equipped cars, trains, etc.

THE LONG-AWAITED allocation rules for the mobile services have been issued and will become effective July 1. The order calling for new identities for the services, new frequencies for some users, and the elimination of some bands for others, affected railroad radio most, with 19 and 21 frequencies being lost in some areas. The train services, which are included in a Land Transportation Radio Service group, now have 47 frequencies in the 152 to 162 mc. band, 41 of which have been allocated for use in Chicago for the thirty-two roads which operate in and out of the city. Thirty-nine of these same frequencies are also used in areas outside of Chicago. In addition to these assignments, the roads also received eight developmental bands in the 450 to 460 mc. area, on a share basis with Urban Transit Radio Service.

Taxicab Radio received an increase

in channels, with eight frequencies in the 152-162 mc. band, in two blocks. each of four adjacent channels, allocated

The new rules established a new service, Automobile Emergency Radio Service, developed to speed the dispatching of emergency road service repair vehicles by associations of private automobile owners and by public garages. This new service has one exclusive frequency in the 30 to 44 mc. band and two exclusive channels in the 450 to 460 mc. band, the upper band frequencies being available for experimental work only.

Police Radio Service lost some frequencies in the 152 to 162 mc. band to the Maritime Mobile Service, but was compensated for its loss by the allocation of an equal number of exclusive channels in the 158 to 159 mc. band. The shift in the 152 to 162 mc. band affects about eighty-five licensees operating about 1300 transmit-

In recognition of the importance of radio communication in fire fighting. the Commission extended eligibility in the Fire Radio Service to rural and suburban volunteer fire companies. which are said to comprise the largest number of fire departments in this country.

The new rules also provide for an expansion of the former Forestry Service into a Forestry Conservation Service. Whereas, formerly, radio could be used only in connection with forest-fire-fighting activities, it will now be possible for states and others eligible to use radio for a wide range of conservation purposes, from flood control activities to the enforcement of fish and game laws. However, the new rules recognize the importance of forestry radio by providing priority for forest fire-fighting communications.

For the first time, the Highway Maintenance Radio Service, used chiefly by state highway departments in connection with repair and maintenance of highways, will be able to operate on a regular basis, having received exclusive frequencies in the 44 to 50 mc. band. The service will also be able to share frequencies in the 30 to 40 and 152 to 162 mc. bands.

The new rules also extend eligibility for the Special Emergency Service, as an expanded service, to include physicians in remote areas, ambulance service, beach patrols responsible for life saving activities and schoolbus

operators.

There's a new Relay Radio Press Service also provided for in the rules. which permits complete mobile service operations, and includes units installed in reporter's and photographer's cars and base station transmitters in the newspaper office. For these operations, the service will share four frequencies in the 162 to 172 mc. range with the Motion Picture Service and twenty-frequencies in the higher band 450 to 460 mc. range, with other industrial services.

Radio facsimile received a bit of a setback in the new rules, the Commission denying the service any bands, declaring that at this time, this facility does not appear to be in the public interest. The Commission applauded the extensive and successful experiments of the New York Daily Mirror with this type of transmission, but found that such transmissions not only take a much longer time than the average radiotelephone message, but also require a higher degree of protection from interference for satisfactory operation. This type of operation, the Commission added, would find its principal application in metropolitan areas, where spectrum space is most in demand and where practically all channels must be shared by a number of licensees, or a very large number of mobile units, or in some areas both.

Considering the innumerable technical and economic problems which faced the FCC, they produced quite an effective mobile-service pattern, which should result in a stimulated interest in two-way.

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According to the author of this book. the majority of public address installations are those requiring low-power equipment, from both acoustical and economic viewpoints. The apparatus discussed, therefore, is confined to a rating of 50 watts or lower.

Even though the use of sound amplification has become widespread, there are still many public address installations yet to be made. A large source of revenue is just waiting to be tapped by the enterprising, and an attempt has been made in this text to give the reader those facts and ideas on which he can build, and at the same time to give him a practical working knowledge of the subject, so that he can convert his knowledge into dollars and cents as he goes along.

Beginning with a 24-page chapter on the fundamentals of sound, the text devotes another 50 pages to microphones and phonograph pickups, and then enters into the more technical aspects of PA operation with impedance matching, amplifier specifications, loudspeakers, and installation and servicing. The last chapter deals with the use of the oscilloscope as a means of quickly diagnosing defects in a system.

Although the title of the book indicates a limitation on the application of the principles of this text, a great amount of the subject matter will apply equally well to systems of higher

ELECTRICIANS' POCKET COM-PANION, by Benjamin Goldberg. Published by Murray Hill Books, Inc., New York. 442 pages. Price \$2.50.

In simple language, uncluttered by discussions of nonessentials, this manual is written primarily for the electrical mechanic, apprentice, engineer, or contractor. It is a helpful reference book, providing many indexes and cross-indexes so that wanted information may easily be found.

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tional Electrical Code, will supply the hundreds of facts, figures and methods needed constantly by the practical electrician.

MOST OFTEN NEEDED 1949 RA. DIO DIAGRAMS AND SERVICING INFORMATION. Compiled by M. N. Beitman. Published by Supreme Publications, Chicago, 160 pages. Price \$2.50

This is first and foremost a manual of diagrams and servicing information for the experienced radioman who is thoroughly familiar with reading and interpreting such matter.

There are innumerable schematic diagrams of most of the popular radio models, such as Admiral, Belmont, Crosley, DeWald, Emerson, Garod, General Electric, Hoffman, Howard, Airline, Motorola, Arvin, Olympic, Philco, RCA, Silvertone, Stewart Warner, Stromberg-Carlson, as well as the auto radio models of United Motors, Zenith, Westinghouse, and Truetone, among others.

PRACTICAL TELEVISION SERV. ICING, by J. R. Johnson and J. H. Newitt. Published by Murray Hill Books, Inc., New York. 334 pages. Price \$4.00.

This is a practical manual on servicing television receivers. From the first chapter, devoted in part to a review of the types of television receivers, to the last, devoted to the newest developments in color television, the book proceeds through all phases of television servicing. There is nothing difficult to understand, as it starts with fundamentals and proceeds carefully and thoroughly.

Chapters on troubleshooting illustrate servicing problems with actual case histories and photographic examples of faulty reception. Block diagrams of receivers are used to show common faults of television circuits. The cathode-ray tube is usually the crux of the television servicing problem, and accordingly a chapter is devoted to a complete explanation. Cathode-ray tubes, however, are only one of the phases of television developed in this book. A complete analysis of the entire receiver is given.

HOOSIER STATE HAMFEST

SUNDAY, July 24, is the date chosen for the 1949 Indiana Radio Club Council Picnic, which will begin at 11:00 a.m. Central Standard Time.

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The site of the festivities is Tippeca-noe River State Park, which is located five miles north of Winnemac on In-diana 29 or U. S. Highway 35. The cost will be 50 cents each for registration for those over 16 years of age, and a state park fee of 12 cents per person must be charged, plus 10 cents

for each car.
Publicity Chairman Ted K. Clifton, W9SWH, will handle all inquiries of those interested in attending the hamfest. Address Route 1, Coldwater Road, Fort Wayne 8, Indiana.

Mobile Transmitter

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point is found at which no change occurs in the voltmeter reading as C1 is tuned back and forth throughout its range. The final amplifier is not hard to neutralize, and the reader will find that after the neutralizing point is reached, a further increase in the capacitance of Co will upset the neutralization. (4) After neutralizing, replace the milliammeter lead and tune C: for minimum dip of the milliammeter deflection. (5) Go back through the tuning, readjusting C_2 , C_3 , and C_7 for an improvement in the milliammeter dip. (6) After the antenna is connected, adjust the antenna coupler. antenna height, or other adjustment, to raise the final amplifier plate current, at dip, to the full 15 milliam-

We noticed that replacing the cover of the transmitter case had negligible effect on the tuning. We had felt it was best to keep all tuning gadgets inside the case, to prevent accidental maladjustment. However, it will be advisable in such layouts to keep the coils as far as possible from the removable top in order to prevent detuning when the top is replaced after tuning-up.

Design Variations

Many variations, of course, are possible in the mechanical layout and construction of the rig. The circuit is entirely conventional and is adaptable readily to a variety of physical arrangements. The keynote of these efforts, however, is small size with low power-the size in the interest of the other purposes for which the car is used, and the power with respect to conserving the .car battery. -30-

TV EMPLOYMENT ON INCREASE

ALTHOUGH television at present uti-lizes only 57 stations, the industry employs approximately ten per-cent as many full-time people as do the combined AM-FM broadcast facilities, according to a recent NAB survey.

The largest number of these workers, or fifty per-cent, are technical em-ployees. Only twenty-two per-cent are engaged in programming, while twenty per-cent are on the general administra-tion and sales staffs. Eight per-cent make up the film department personnel.

The full-time staffs of these 57 television stations, including networks, total 3456 regulars and approximately 1000 part-time and free-lance individ-An average individual television station was found to employ about forty-six persons full-time, and a typical network on New York City opera-tions will have approximately 290.

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Disturbance Tests

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can be suspected of being defective and the usual resistance, voltage, and tube check is made in this circuit. However, if the saw-tooth is not heard at one point and found at the follow. ing check point, it evidently has been lost between these two points, and it is between these that the further check is made.

In the same way, audible checks can be made to localize the trouble in the vertical sweep circuit. We would proceed to this circuit if only a horizontal line appears on the screen, indicating a loss of vertical deflection.

Test Five: Using the same technique of audible signal tracing, one end of the clip lead is attached to the grid of the first audio and the .1 is used as a probe. The condenser lead is applied to the plate of the 6K6, V122, vertical output tube. If a loud, hoarse 60~ signal is heard, the saw-tooth is evidently there but has been lost between that point and the deflection yoke, and appropriate checks are made. If not found there, the clip is left on the audio grid and the condenser is moved in succession to the grid of the output tube, the plate of the 6J5, V121, vertical oscillator and discharge tube. If there is still no sound, the oscillator is out of commission and this circuit is checked.

If the tubes light up but no circuits appear to be operating-no spot on the screen, no sound, etc., we would suspect a failure in a part of the circuit common to all-the low voltage "B+" system.

Test Six: The standard disturbance test for low voltage "B+" is shorting a "B+" point quickly to the chassis with a screwdriver and observing the spark. No spark—no "B+"; small spark—low "B+"; large spark—normal "B+". Of course, it is simple enough to check for "B+" with a voltmeter. Unless normal "B+" is available, the set will not operate properly, and the reasons for abnormal "B+" must be checked-filter condensers, rectifier tubes, etc.

Disturbance tests for audio are standard and have been used for some time, and these will be covered quickly.

We suspect trouble in the audio strip when pictures come through without sound on all channels. This automatically points to trouble in the audio strip, which includes the audio amplifiers, discriminator, and sound i.f.'s.

Test Seven: The first audio test is pretty much standard practice and is designed to quickly localize the trouble to the front half (i.f. and discriminator) or last half (audio amp.) of the audio strip. The finger or the shank of a screwdriver with the finger touching it is put on the top of the potentiometer-volume control, R222 If a fairly loud 60~ hum is heard in the output, we assume the following stages are okay right through to the speaker and proceed to test the preceding stages. However, if nothing is heard, we make further checks in the rear half of the audio strip. Suppose nothing is heard.

Test Eight: We then take a screwdriver and quickly short plate of the power amplifier, 6K6, V109, to ground. The screwdriver is not kept there to avoid overloading the primary of the output transformer and the tube's screen grid. But shorting quickly two or three times should give a loud thump in the speaker if the output transformer and the speaker are functioning. If nothing is heard, the trouble is isolated to these two components.

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Test Nine: The speaker field is checked to find if it is energized by putting the shank of the screwdriver near the speaker to feel the pull. If the field coil is operating, resistance checks are made of the voice coil and the output transformer primary and secondary. To be able to check both the secondary and the voice coil, it would be necessary to unsolder one lead. Before doing this, it might be advisable to feed in a signal from any convenient 6.3 volt filament to the grid of the output tube through our clip lead and condenser. An a.c. voltmeter is put across the output transformer secondary. If a voltage appears there and no sound is heard, the speaker is evidently the culprit.

However, if Test Eight gives the thumps, a further check is made to see if the output tube is operating.

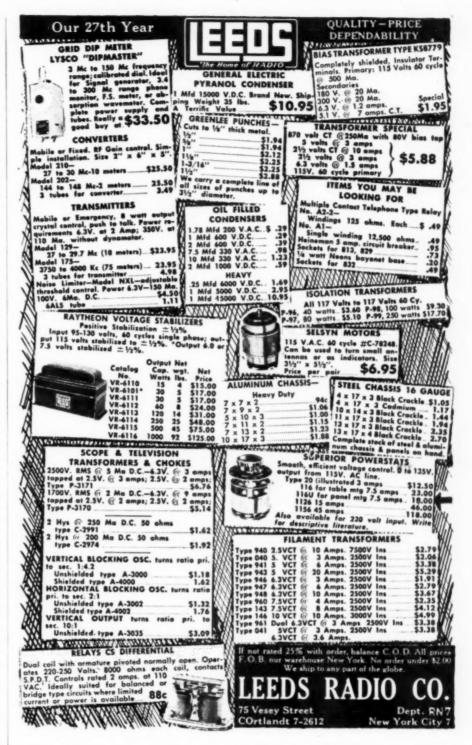
Test Ten: A good method is the one mentioned just above—feeding in a 6.3 volt 60~ signal from any convenient filament pin through the condenser. The condenser is necessary because of the d.c. voltage appearing on the grid. A fairly loud 60~ hum should be heard if the output stage is functioning. If nothing is heard or the output is very low, the customary resistance, voltage, and tube checks on this stage should disclose the trouble.

Test Eleven: If this stage is good, a finger on the grid of the first audio tube, 6AT6, V108, should produce a loud hum if it is operating properly. If it is and no sound came through with the finger on the top of the potentiometer, we would check between these two points (open coupling condenser, etc.).

Test Twelve: On the other hand, suppose our first audio check, Test Seven, showed the audio stages were operating. We would then proceed directly to the grid of the 3rd sound i.f. for further disturbance testing. This will check the operation of the third i.f. and discriminator stages. Disturbance checks on the i.f. stages can take any of the following forms, as desired:

(1) Scratching grid with screwdriver (2) Removing *preceding* tube from socket and replacing fast several times

(3) Using test lead and condenser, clip one end of lead on a convenient "B+" point, and tap condenser rapidly on grid. The surge of charging current through the grid coil consti-July, 1949





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tutes a good noise signal that is sent through to the speaker, if the stage is working.

In any of these cases, noise should be heard in the speaker. If not, these two stages are checked further. If noise is heard, we go back a stage to the grid of the second i.f., and to grid of the first i.f., if necessary, until the defective stage is found, and then make further checks to find the defective part.

Let us assume, however, that we get sound on the different channels, but no video information appears on the screen, although a normal raster is seen (white rectangle of light—no picture). This immediately localizes the trouble to the video strip—video amp., detector, video i.f.'s. Here again, quick disturbance checks are available to localize the defective stage in a

Test Thirteen: Our first check here should attempt to determine definitely whether the trouble is before or after the detector stage. A screwdriver is placed on the plate of the second detector, 6AL5, V114A, and the shank touched with the finger. A 60~ hum pattern should appear on the screen if the following stages are working. This shows up as a broad black and white band across the face of the CRT. If the 60~ pattern is seen, we assume the following stages are good, and go on to the preceding ones. If it is not seen, we assume the trouble is after that point, and we go to the grid of the CRT (tie point under chassis where the grid lead is taken off).

Test Fourteen: Clip lead and .1 condenser is used with the lead clipped on to a 6.3 volt filament pin. Condenser is touched to CRT grid lead. If this circuit is okay, the 60~ pattern is seen on the screen. If it is not seen, continuity of the lead is checked, resistance and voltage readings made at this point to check for shorts or a leaky coupling condenser, and possibility of bad contact of grid pin in CRT socket or of internal defect in CRT is checked.

If the 60~ pattern is seen, clip is left on the 6.3 volt a.c. filament and signal is fed from the condenser to the grid of the second video amplifier, 6K6, V116. The screen should show the 60~ pattern if the stage is operating. As usual, if it is not seen, it indicates the stage is defective and requires a further check. On the other hand, if this stage is good, clip is still left on the filament and the signal is injected through the condenser to the grid of the first video amplifier, 6AU6, V115. The old rule applies. Between the points we last saw the signal and lost the signal is the locality of the trouble, and it is here that we check further for the defect.

If Test Thirteen shows the set to be operating after the detector load resistor, it is necessary to proceed toward the front end of the receiver.

For disturbance tests on the video i.f., the contrast control should be maximum (fully clock-wise) and the

brilliance control adjusted until the raster can just be seen.

Test Fifteen: A .1 condenser and clip lead are used. Clip onto a high "B+" point, such as between the centering controls. The condenser lead is tapped rapidly on the cathode pin of the second detector, 6AL5, V114A. If the stage is operating, the raster should get brighter in step with the tapping as the charging current through the cathode coil creates a noise signal, visible on the screen.

If the detector is operating, the condenser tapping procedure, with the other clip left on the "B+" point, goes on to the grid of the fourth i.f., third i.f., second i.f., and first i.f., until no light flashes are seen on the screen, at which point further checks are made

It might be pointed out that disturbance tests in the video i.f. section are not as clear-cut as they are in other sections of the receiver, because of the possibilities of interaction through the common bias supply, to the video amplifier grids. A few minutes spent in performing the video i.f. tests on a good set would be well spent. The tests should then be repeated a second time, taking out each tube before the signal is fed in on the grid. It will be noticed that even with the tube out there is some displacement of the raster, though it does not become brighter. By noting the exact action of a good stage (tube in) and a bad stage (tube out), it will be easy to interpret readings in the future.

The only other main section of the set to be covered is the front end. Trouble is suspected here when neither sound nor video information comes through on any channel, even though a raster is visible.

Test Sixteen: To eliminate the possibility that the trouble is in the antenna, the antenna should be disconnected and a screwdriver pulled rapidly several times across the antenna terminals. (Contrast control maximum, brilliance low.) Flashes of light will be seen on the screen if the front end is operating.

If no flashes are seen, it is necessary to isolate the trouble to one of the three front-end stages—r.f., mixer, or oscillator.

Test Seventeen: The r.f. tube, 6J6, V1, is put in and out of its socket quickly several times, with the volume control at maximum. Noise heard in the speaker would indicate the mixer stage is operating, since it obviously passes the signal.

When the oscillator is suspected of being defective, the grids can be shorted to ground with a screwdriver. Noise should be heard in the speaker if the oscillator is functioning, since the negative voltage on the grid will be shorted out, changing the current through the tube and producing a noise signal. An inoperative oscillator will have no negative voltage, and so no current change will take place.

Voltage and resistance checks on the front end compared to the indicated readings on the schematic or in the service manual should indicate the trouble.

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To sum up, disturbance tests can be very handy for quickly localizing trouble where there is a dead or weak stage. The defective component can then be found generally by voltage and resistance readings or the substitution of a known good tube. Where disturbance tests do not give a definite indication of trouble, the service technician can turn to signal tracing with an oscilloscope in the sweep circuits, and signal injection with a signal generator and meter or 'scope in the signal circuits, not only to check the functioning of each stage but also to measure its gain. -30-

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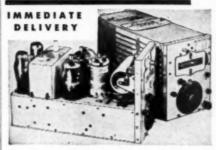
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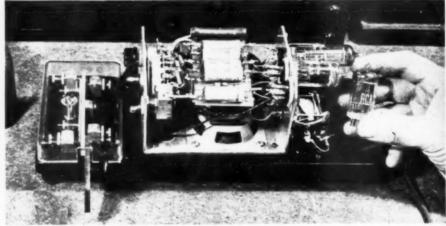
code speed goes up and you get into the 25 to 35 word-per-minute class, you're bound to consider a "speed key." This is popularly known as a "bug" because the trade mark of the oldest key of this type, the Vibroflex, is the outline of a lightning bug. It is also referred to as a "side swiper." for the simple reason that the operating levers work back and forth instead of up and down, as with the straight key.

If you push or press the left side of the double-finger knob, a vibrating arm is set into motion. At a speed depending on the setting of two sliding weights, contacts attached to the arm make and break rapidly, thus producing a series of dots. Holding the lever over, you can get about ten dots before the arm stops vibrating. Since the longest character in the Continental Code is the error signal (eight dots), you have plenty of reserve. To make fewer dots, you merely hold the lever for a shorter time.

The other or right side of the finger knob works a straight pair of contacts for the making of dashes, just as with a straight key. To make combinations of dots and dashes, you twitch your thumb and first finger back and forth.

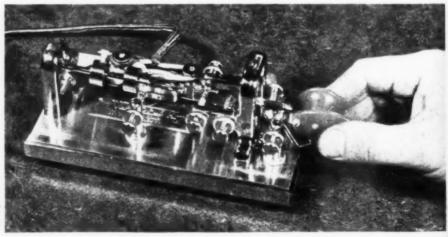
A bug in the hands of a skilled brass pounder makes music in the ears of the receiving operator. In the hands of a guy who is in too much of a hurry it makes a lot of indigestible hash Hold the dot lever closed just a trifle too long and the letter E becomes I. I becomes S, and H is likely to be either 5 or the error sign; the last named is at least appropriate. The secret of good speed key operation is a keying monitor of some sort, to enable you to hear your own sending as it goes out. The actual signals of the transmitter produce such bad thumping in the receiver that they cannot be relied on as an indication of the keying technique.

A new and very interesting gadget called the "Mon-Key" is attracting attention among hams because it makes both dots and dashes automatically, by means of a trick circuit known as the "multivibrator." The finger mechanism is practically the same as that of the Vibroflex, but the levers are mere switches and are not weighted. The speed of the dots and dashes is controlled by a series of tapped resistors the multivibrator circuit, over a range of about 8 to 45 words-per-minute. The finger technique is quite dif-



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(To be continued)

SNOW EFFECT IN TELEVISION RECEIVERS

BY MATTHEW MANDL

THE "snow" or "salt and pepper" effects so often noticeable in television receivers, are not due to noise pulses coming into the antenna, but are a direct result of the thermal agitation noise developed by the r.f. amplifier tube. This snow effect is usually visible when weak stations are tuned in, because under such conditions the contrast control is set high, and the bias on the r.f. tubes decreased, so that full gain may be realized. Tube noises are thus amplified and appear on the screen, due to the low signal-to-noise ratio. With a station of good signal level, the contrast control (or a.g.c. circuit) increases the bias, and the signal-to-noise ratio is high, which lesses the snow effect correspondingly.

ens the snow effect correspondingly.

Often, however, even a good signal to noise ratio fails to reduce the snow effect, in which case the r.f. amplifier tube should be checked as a possible offender. Some of the miniature amplifier tubes used are prone to be more noisy than others, and several should be substituted for the original until one is found which will decrease the

snow effect on the picture screen. Poor alignment in the video i.f. stages, or poor tracking in the r.f., mixer, and oscillator sections can also increase the snow effect because the resultant poor gain will necessitate turning up the contrast control to a setting higher than would normally be necessary.

Ignition and other types of manmade static do not appear as snow on the screen, but manifest themselves as streaks riding across the picture tube. In receivers where the sweep circuits are not adjusted properly and are unstable, tearing or rolling of the picture may occur. Other undesirable effects in the picture may be due to diathermy, and other high frequency equipment in the neighborhood, which will produce ripple-like beat note patterns on the screen. Snow effect, however, is produced by none of these, and originates within the receiver under the conditions previously outlined. —30—

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TAPPING MACHINE BULLETIN

A bulletin containing full descriptions of the No. 72 Ettco-Emrick Foot-Operated Tapping Machine has been published by the Ettco Tool Company, 594 Johnson Ave., Brooklyn 6, N. Y.

The booklet, No. 72, contains a full description of the machine and its operation and enumerates results obtained on actual production jobs. It shows, as well, a table of models and capacities available, complete with a price list.

This literature will be supplied free of charge to all those requesting it, direct from the manufacturer.

CARFONE BROCHURE

An eight-page booklet recently issued by the RCA Engineering Products Department describes the company's new 152-174 megacycle FM mobile communications equipment, called "Carfone."

The so-called "31-circuit selectivity" of the new product is explained. Also itemized in the brochure are other features, specifications, and test and performance data of this equipment, the first in the mobile communications field specifically designed for adjacent channel operation.

Copies of the text (Form 2J4626) which is amply illustrated with photographs, schematic diagrams, graphs, and line drawings, may be had from the Communications Section, Radio Corporation of America, Camden, New Jersey.

MERIT NO. 4911

Listing all television transformers incorporated into the company's regular line, a new catalogue, No. 4911, has been released by Merit Coil & Transformer Corp., 4427 N. Clark Street, Chicago 40, Illinois. Each TV replacement is heavily starred for quick identification, and the booklet is indexed both numerically and by classifications on the same page for quick and easy reference.

Other essential new items are shown in the 1949 line, including a complete series of transformers for outdoor sound as well as universal line units meeting the new RMA Constant 70.7V line standards. The various models and mountings are listed at the top of the pages, and then are graphically illustrated at the bottom, with halftone reproductions.

The catalogue is available to all those interested, distributors and users.

TIMING CATALOGUE

The Haydon Manufacturing Company, Incorporated, Torrington, Connecticut, a subsidiary of General Time Corporation, is offering a twenty-page catalogue entitled "Haydon Timing Motors and Devices."

The booklet, printed in two colors, presents the company's line of synchronous timing motors and timing devices, such as battery charger timers, control clocks, defroster timers and elapsed time indicators, as well as interval timers, radio alarms, reset timers, running time meters, and time delay timers. For easy reference, a page is devoted to each item, and separate sections of the catalogue are designed to keep associated units under separate easy-to-find headings.

Complete details on the products are made available, including photographs and profile drawings of all units. Shown also are shaft drawings and listings of speeds, voltages, frequencies, shaft sizes, and special variations available in each of ten motor series.

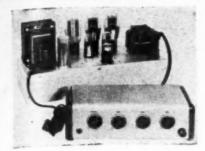
Design engineers and purchasing agents who can use this listing for reference are asked to address Mr. E. B. Hamlin at the above address.

400 ITEM LISTING

Standard Transformer Corporation, 3580 Elston Avenue, Chicago 18, Ill., has published a 1949 edition of the Stancor catalogue, which will include detailed electrical and physical specifications and prices of more than 400 items manufactured by the company.

Among the products manufactured by the corporation and which are included in the listing are audio and power transformers, chokes, and related components for radio, television, and other electronic applications. Besides the descriptions, helpful charts show listings of transmitting and rectifier tubes, driver-modulator combi-

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RELAY GUIDE

A new "Quick Guide" catalogue has been produced by Struthers-Dunn, Inc., 150 N. 13th St., Philadelphia, Pa., which contains a simplified listing of essential data to permit easy selection from the many relay types manufactured by this company, and is available free of charge.

Types listed include power relays, small relays, sensitive relays, latch relays with electric reset, sequence relays, instrument controlled relays, special purpose relays, and timers. These are classified according to their functions, and the data is arranged so that it becomes a simple matter to select the type with suitable characteristics for a great majority of applications.

In addition, a section of the catalogue is devoted to the numerous adaptations available in these standard relay types, and another section includes comprehensive data on relay mounting styles, covers, and housings.

MOTOR CONTROL UNIT CATALOGUE

Servo-Tek Products Company, 4 Godwin Avenue, Paterson 1, New Jersey, has made available a four-page color brochure describing its new electronic motor control unit.

The catalogue is completely illustrated and includes details on the operation of the unit and complete information on its uses. The booklet is available on request from manufacturers who may require a smooth, stepless variable speed motor control unit.

NAB DISTRICT MEETINGS

THE 1949 series of district meetings for the seventeen districts of the National Association of Broadcasters has been scheduled to begin September 8 in Cincinnati and end December 20 in San Francisco.

The meetings are to be workshop sessions, featuring discussions of operating problems, with special emphasis on sales. Full details are still to be worked out with the district directors, but all will be designed for station personnel and will cover local needs.

A number of state association meetings have been planned to coincide with the NAB schedule. Non-members will be invited to attend the NAB sessions at the discretion of the district directors.

A schedule has been arranged to allow staff directors attending to spend additional time in the larger cities in order to work with local broadcasters and to assist in contacting non-members to increase the membership of the association. NAB President Justin Miller is expected to be present at some of the meetings.

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Mae's Service Shop

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calendar and offers to put it up himself—in the best possible place, naturally! The guys were trying to tell that he wanted to hang one right in front of Judge Mull's bench, so that the judge would have to peep around it to see the jury!"

"What do the fellows think about

radio advertising?"

"George is the only one who has tried it, and he says it is good, but tricky. Last month the radio station's advertising department fixed him up with one of those if-your-radio-isnoisy-let-us-take-the-noise-out-of-itfor-you spot announcements, George said the results were amazing. The trouble was, though, that people wanted the summer static taken out of their sets! George said he took quite a beating on that, for he had to explain it was not that kind of noise he meant; but he turned the whole thing to his advantage by making several FM sales that would cure the static. From now on, though, he is going to weigh every word that goes into those commercials.

"Lots of other points were brought up. Everyone said they used gummed stickers to go on the backs of repaired sets; and we all confessed that we carefully peeled off the other guy's sticker before we put on our own! Bob, whose store is on the main stem, told us about building a bean-sorting, electric-eye 'crowd-stopper' and putting it in his window. It brought him a nice increase in business and also a writeup in the local newspaper.

"That started us riding Archie again about his knack of getting advertising for free.' Remember when his kid won the soapbox derby in front of the largest crowd the town has even seen, and the name painted on the winning car was 'Archie's Radio Service'? Remember how that name loomed up in the front-page newspaper picture? Then there was the time when he took those fine pictures of the ice-jam and let the newspaper use them on the condition that they give the shop a credit line. That made the front page, too. We decided that the rest of us could follow Archie's example by using our hobbies to get us some free publicity." "Fine!" Barney agreed enthusias.

"Fine!" Barney agreed enthusiastically. "Now take my hobby of collecting blondes: we could have a bathing beauty contest, and Margie could be 'Miss Mac's Radio Service Shop.' With me for a judge, how could she

lose?"

Mac's only comment on the idea was to clutch his nose firmly between

thumb and fore-finger.

"Before we broke up," he went on, "we decided that it was all wrong to think that advertising was only a method of taking business away from one another. Good advertising can actually make business. You know how often people will put up with noisy volume controls, slipping dial cords, weak reception, and so on, until the set breaks completely down. The right kind of advertising could persuade the people to bring these sets in and have these nuisances taken care of at once. Bob Lowe hit the nail squarely on the head when he quoted Derby Brown at the Atlanta Town Meeting:

"'The business that considers itself immune to the necessity for advertising sooner or later finds itself immune

to business."

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AUTO RADIO CONVERSION TO A. C.

By HOWARD OGUSHWITZ

THERE are a great many automobile radio sets lying around idle which could, with a simple conversion, be used as additional sets in the home, operating from 117 volt power lines.

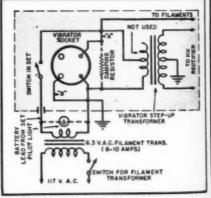
The original conversion problem, offhand, seemed to present only two alternatives. The first was to use a converter for dropping 117 volts a.c. to 6 volts d.c. and running this directly into the set. This had two disadvantages: one, vibrator hum would be excessive in a quiet home and, two, the cost of the converter for the particular set in question would run to about \$35.00. The second alternative was to build a complete a.c. power supply, disconnect the vibrator pack in the set, and run the necessary wires in. This would do away with the vibrator hum, but because the cost of the transformer, filter con-densers, choke, etc., would add up to approximately \$15.00, the idea was discarded as still too expensive.

After giving further thought to the problem, an idea presented itself, which would not only simplify the conversion, but reduce the actual cost of replacement parts. It was necessary only to run the proper a.c. voltage to the primary of the vibrator transformer, light the tubes with the proper filament

voltage, and the conversion was completed.

Referring to Fig. 1, note that a low-cost filament transformer was used to convert the power line voltage to 6 v. a.c. which is applied to one-half of the primary of the original vibrator transformer in the set. The original vibrator was removed and its associated wiring was removed or bypassed.

Fig. 1.





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Television's Impact

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technical developments in the field of television promise a vast improvement in the quality of the sets and an extension of the service it will render to its owner. Component parts production, new patents, the streamlining of manufacturing methods all have tended to reduce the cost of the television set for John Q. Consumer.

The installation problem, too, is being rapidly eliminated. Inside antennas have achieved a remarkably high degree of efficiency. Consequently, such limiting factors as lack of space for an outside antenna or the objections of a landlord to the placing of an antenna on the roof of a building, or the high cost of installation, have been partially eliminated.

Television engineers and technicians not only foresee cheaper sets. simpler construction, but within a short time, color! It was not too long ago that the Columbia Broadcasting system was thwarted in its attempt to secure band allocations for color. This was a mechanical color technique and the Federal Communications Commission felt it was not in the best interests of all concerned to tie up part of the band with mechanical color when some day electronic color transmission could be achieved. Today, electronic color reproduction is being perfected, and plans are under way for its commercial use.

Another outstanding new development has just been announced by a television set manufacturer. H. C. Bonfig, vice president of Zenith Radio Corporation, says that Phonevision, a method of so coding a television transmission that a set owner cannot tune in a clear picture until he receives the help of a special decoding signal that comes into his home over the telephone wire, will supplement free television, just as the phonograph record supplements free radio. It is felt that Phonevision will make television sets possible in small cities that could not possibly support them by advertising alone. As yet this has not appeared commercially, and if its proponents can protect it from the native American ingenuity which might develop a fifteen-cent gadget to unscramble the signal, this should be of positive benefit to the manufacturer as well as the viewing public.

With Phonevision, the television viewer will have to call the telephone operator for the signal and then tune the station in the usual way. For this service he will be charged a fee, which will be divided by the television transmitter, the telephone company, and the movie producer or entrepreneur who provides the program. The idea behind this is that set owners who wish to see any new movies will pay for them just as music lovers now pay for phonograph records.

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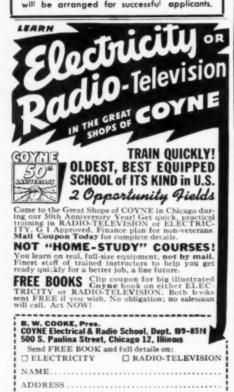
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television brings the realization of a dream. At last he can take his product into the consumer's home and demonstrate it under actual working conditions. Not only can he use his voice as a selling tool, but he also has use of the potent vehicle of pictures. In television the advertiser has all the combined advantages of newspapers, magazines, radio and billboards.

Advertisers use the various media to accomplish certain specific jobs. The billboard, for instance, is designed primarily to get one brief selling point across. The magazine ad generally is designed to create interest in a product and soften buyer resistance. It tells what the product is, and why it should be purchased. Newspapers are a more immediate form of advertising which emphasizes the nature of the product and states that it is available now for so much at such and such a place. Few advertisers attempt to conduct an entire campaign in any one medium because they understand that the buyer must first have his attention drawn to the product, his interest aroused, and, finally, must be motivated to action-to buy.

Thus it is easy to see that advertising technique heretofore was generally a process of leading the buyer through the various processes of attention, interest, conviction, and action to the point of sale. Generally this campaign began with a national magazine which told about the product and created interest in it. It was followed by the local merchant's mention of the item in his newspaper ad, where he didn't discuss the product generally but was more specific as to size, color, quality, and price, and stated where it could be purchased. And, finally, when the prospect has reached the point of purchase, the salesman must step into the picture and consummate the sale.

Television can considerably eliminate many of the steps that have been necessary for the sale of merchandise, because television offers an opportunity to accomplish immediately what the other medias have been unable to do in one operation-get the prospective individual's attention where he can see the merchandise, see how it looks, see it in use, hear the selling points about it, learn the price, and find where it can be bought immediately. Because of this, it is possible to foresee a complete change in our advertising and even our means of communication. Up to now, no medium has been able to do the job for the retail store that the newspaper has been doing.

Although retail advertisers valued the mass audience attention gained through radio advertising, most of them used radio sparingly because their product had to be shown, had to be illustrated, and all the talk in the world wouldn't convince Mrs. Jones that a Sunday bonnet or kitchen table was exactly the way the announcer described on the radio. Now she doesn't have to depend on her imagina-

tion. She can see the table, visualize how it fits into her kitchen, note its construction, see close-ups of the finish and texture and get the selling message at the same time. She has been brought past the stage of the magazine and of the newspaper, because she has all the information at once and has been brought to the point where she doesn't actually have to go into the store at all but can pick up the telephone and order the merchandise desired.

This has far-reaching implications, It means, first, that much buying will be done by remote-control via the telephone or a newly-devised blank that will be prepared and sent by direct mail to television set owners by the merchandiser or store. This, in turn, will limit the amount of space run in newspapers. Since the news. papers depend greatly on advertising for revenue, it is conceivable that we may soon find newspapers assuming a different form and approach in order to continue to exist.

The cost of living will be greatly reduced by lowering the cost of retail merchandising through the use of television. For example, let us assume that a store is gearing itself to present all of its vast majority of merchandise via television. It is entirely conceivable and within the range of possibility that the store need not be visited-that the store, as we know it now, will be replaced by a series of decentralized warehouses. Since they would be serviced by fewer clerks, and overhead costs, lighting and heating. etc., would be reduced, the merchandise could be sold for less money. Of course, this is a long range picture, but it offers an idea of how television can affect our very mode of living, our economic system, our every-day habits . . . our personal lives.

It has often been said in political discussions that one of the best ways to break through the "Iron Curtain" and secure the friendship of the Russian people would be to bombard them with Sears Roebuck catalogues. The reason for this statement is the simple logic that if a desire for goods and merchandise is created where this desire has not existed before, people will be so intent upon developing these goods, they will not think of war, but rather of working peaceably with the western world to develop a living standard and foreign trade which might secure these things.

This is human nature. As human beings, we are imbued with certain amounts of inertia, laziness, and a lack of interest in what is going on around us. And so Mrs. Jones, who saw the kitchen table on her television set, sees many other things. She sees, for instance, how much easier it is to use modern kitchen appliances in her everyday home-making; the correct way to apply make-up to make herself more beautiful and attractive for her family; to properly prepare table-settings and special dishes for parties and social engagements; and

to understand the value of interior decoration, home planning, and design. Is it any wonder, then, that Mrs. Jones becomes more enlightened and transfers that enlightenment to her children and friends? When this situation becomes general, we have attained an increased standard of living. Television is capable of overcoming human frailties and bringing the "mountain to Mohammed." Once interest has been aroused, curiosity stimulated, and lessons visibly proved, the pump has been primed, action has begun, more goods and merchandise are bought, more money flows, and we have a prosperous economy.

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Just as our economy will be affected, so will be our personal tastes. Even family life will be influenced by the advent of television. Throughout the nation there is a rustle of renewed activities-rehearsal halls are being dusted and vaudeville acts are being rejuvenated. Visual entertainment in all its forms is again coming into its own. Vaudeville, operettas, and the musical revue will be brought to the masses and no longer limited to Broadway or the Rialtos of the few

larger cities. In addition, other forms of literature, music, and American folk lore are being written for visual presentation. With the combination of motion picture film and the television camera, coupled with the television receiver in the American home, John Q. America is about to receive the greatest treasury of enlightenment and education that has ever before been given to a free man. His responsibility will be to use it wisely and to transmit this tremendous technical achievement into one of world wide

POLISHING TV LENSES

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BY MAX ALTH

PLASTIC, oil-filled television lenses should never be wiped off with a dry cloth, but should always be cleaned with lukewarm water. Do not use any soap or cleansing compound.

The dust found in every home contains a percentage of grit, and when this is wiped off by an over-zealous housewife, it acts as an abrasive which, in time, causes a fog to develop on the surface from the minute scratches.

When these fine scratches have dimmed the lens, jewelers' rouge can be used to repolish the surface. The deeper scratches will have to remain, however. as this fine rouge will not cut the plastic down to that depth.





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FREQUENCY RESERVATIONS, YET

N REGARD to an article written by Marvin Gurlin in the April issue, I confess I have had thoughts along that line. For myself, I am only trying to learn the code, and believe me, it is tough.

"I have tried to pick up the station called W1AW at 3555, and just about the time I find it, all hell breaks loose from the other station. It would be a wonderful thing if we could have code lessons starting right from the beginning, on a frequency where we could listen and concentrate.

"Your articles on the 'Beginning Amateur' are swell. It's really the best thing I've seen yet, and I'm anxious to be a licensed amateur. But I do need more code practice, and I sincerely hope you can help us fellows."

Bernard A. Heinle 3305 Westchester Rd. Toledo 6. Ohio

The idea of a "beginner's frequency" is a new angle, and it might not be too bad at that.

GOT ANY BONERS TO TELL?

department for Radio & Television News which should make some good reading, provide for more reader participation in the magazine, and steer others away from the mistakes that have been made. I have in mind a department in which the readers tell of the horrible boners they have pulled in servicing, constructing, or otherwise. I suggest no special name for it, because, if you should decide to have such a department and call for suggestions, the readers would give you plenty to pick from.

"To start things off, here's a real

boner of my own:

"I had designed what was to be a high-gain, high-fidelity recording and playback amplifier. Finishing the construction late at night, I ran off a few silent tests (which looked good) and decided to wait until morning for the speaker tests, lest I awaken the whole household. I put the amplifier in its cabinet, closed the cover, listened for hum, installed knobs and some hardware, and then went to bed, neglecting, however, to turn the amplifier off.

"The next morning it was well warmed up, so I decided to try it out with a record, with the most horrible results I have ever obtained. The gain seemed to be very close to zero, the quality of what output there was could be compared to nothing good I have ever heard, and with the volume turned wide open as it must be, there was a fairly low frequency how! much

louder than anything else that came

"Suspecting mechanical feedback and interference as the cause of the howl, I used better shock-mounting for the chassis and turntable. I fas. tened parts, such as blocking condens. ers, so they would have to be pried loose. I tested tubes and connections. shields, and grounds. I changed needles, and I changed speakers. Finally, I wound up rebuilding the amplifier, with more shielding, more and better bypassing in the 'B plus' circuit, more rigid mounting of everything that shouldn't bounce, and rubber shock mounting of several tubes. After this I got no more howl or mechanical vibration at full volume, but I got very little of anything else, and what there was of that was as bad as ever.

"Then, I did what I should have done at first: I started testing every part from record to speaker, whether it was suspected or not. I didn't have far to go. I had tried needles. Next in line was the crystal pickup, and it

was the guilty one.

"The explanation was that I had left the cover down the first night and had not provided proper ventilation, so that the temperature exceeded the maximum 120° F. which a crystal of this type cannot stand without serious damage. This was one of the first things I should have suspected if I had connected conditions with consequences; but, not so doing, I learned a good lesson. Now, when a piece of equipment doesn't work properly, and the cause is not soon evident, I start testing everything from input to output, whether it looks guilty or not.

"Thank you for your consideration of my suggestion and contribution.

"An old reader"

E. J. Dobbie Oilmont, Montana

Well, OM, that's certainly a good suggestion you've got there, and many thanks for the story of your construction difficulty. It should keep someone else from that pitfall. To get back to the idea of the department—we can't have any stories without storytellers. Let's hear from some of you other experimenters.

CODE FOR CODE'S SAKE

AM heartily in accord with the views expressed by Messrs. Dietz, Gurlin and Wolfe on code and certainly approve anything that will bring back to amateur radio the fascination of radio, or as we oldtimers knew it, 'wireless': code.

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"As a kid of 15, I learned both the International and American Morse codes; as Mr. Dietz says, the 'light' came from practice. With a mill at high speed, I earned my living for many years in the communications field of Morse and radio-telegraph. The knowledge of high-speed telegraph opened to me the field of fascinating news events, hours before it became public I hold a commercial 2nd class news. radio license of 1929 vintage, and I am a paid up member of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, and an ex-train dispatcher; I also sailed as a wireless operator aboard American vessels. (I wonder if there are any of the old gang around?)

"During the past few years, I was telegrapher for the Boston Record news channel from the World Series games last year, and served as a newspaper telegrapher for the National Air Races, football games, etc.

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Yours is the romantic point of view, and you're right! Those who take the trouble to learn the code and use it to communicate with their fellow enthusiasts will know what you mean.

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CESEVERAL years ago, there was considerable agitation for a special radio amateur license, restricted to ultra-high-frequency and superhigh-frequency bands, with no code requirements. So far, the plan has gotten nowhere.

"I understand that the regular amateurs are opposed. The FCC is partly guided by their opinions. Also, the government wants to have as many people as possible learn the code, and rightly so. Just the same, I believe that the restricted license would be a good thing for all concerned.

"A lot of people are interested solely in the technical side of radio as a hobby. For instance, I'd rather set up an ultra-high-frequency transmitter and plot its field in the 'shadow' of a hill, than talk to any, or every, ham station in Asia. Two-way communication seems worthwhile to me only when the other fellow isn't near

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a telephone. Perhaps I should set aside one or two hundred hours and get that 13 word code speed, but that much time spent on a technique that doesn't interest me, and that I'd never use, seems wrong for a hobby. If I spent the same time studying, say electromagnetic field equations, it would be fun, and the information would be useful

"Amateurs would have a right to complain if there were any crowding on the high bands, but everyone knows there's room for all. If the exam were made tougher, and it should be, there would be enough room for a long time. And as far as the interests of the government go, aren't high-frequency technicians as useful as low-frequency communications experts?

"If RADIO AND TELEVISION NEWS agrees with these ideas, a little action, along with your excellent drive for more regular amateurs, would help considerably."

> Savre Rodman Oakmont, Allegheny County Pennsylvania

Between high code speed and low code speed, it was bad enough. Now, here's an advocate of "no code." The point is well taken, however; there may be more operators than we know about who are interested only in the technicalities of radio.

EVERY VOTE HELPS

AS AN old timer in ham radio, and also one of the pioneers of the 160 meter band, I for one would like to see the return of the whole band to amateurs.

I am also in favor of a return of the code speed examination to 10 w.p.m.

V. P. Baughn 1411 Lagonda Ave. Springfield, Ohio

Short, but direct. You know your own mind, V. P. -30-

TV SET OUTPUT AT NEW PEAK

IN a recent report by the Radio Manufacturers Association, it was announced that television set production by RMA member-manufacturers reached new records during the first quarter of 1949.

In March, the manufacture of TV sets reached a total of 182,361, and the combined figure for the first quarter was 422,537. This is a new high over the previous record of 161,179 reached in December of 1948; March and December were five-week work months. TV set production by RMA members was 121,-238 in January, and in February, 118,938.

Breaking down the March figure to a weekly estimate, the average weekly production was 36,472, which represented an increase of nearly 23 per-cent over the weekly average in February. The quarterly output of TV receivers this year was three and one-half times that of the first quarter in 1948. -30-

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Microwave Spectroscopy

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is the 1 centimeter wave guide (1/2" x rectangular tubing) at left top utilizing a Raytheon RK33 tube. Absorption of a given frequency of an incoming microwave signal by gas such as an ammonia vapor is revealed on the oscilloscope or recorder as a relatively sudden intensity drop, repre-senting a spectral line. For sensitive detection of spectral lines, the Bureau also employs a Stark absorption cell (the larger wave guide 3" x 1½" shown below the ½" x ¼" wave guide system) in which an electric field is used to modulate a wave traversing the cell by electrically shifting the frequency of the spectral line back and forth. Extremities support the Stark ribbon inside the larger guide. Heavy or deuterated ammonia is used inside the wave guide absorption cells to extend the frequency coverage below that now available with other substances.

A basic setup for microwave spectroscopy may be relatively very modest. It comprises:

A source of microwave power. Normally this is a tube feeding directly into a wave guide. Work started with the Western Electric 2K50 reflex oscillator. When production of that tube ceased after the war and the supply became exhausted, Raytheon developed the reflex klystron types QK140 and QK141 for the region 8 to 11 millimeters. They have also developed the types QK226 and QK227 for the region 5.8 to 8 millimeters where the power output is in the order of 5 milliwatts.

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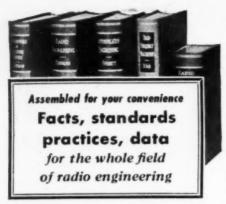
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tor, crystal assembly with its output feeding into an amplifier and indicating meter as illustrated in Fig. 1 for general microwave laboratory setups not particularly limited to spectroscopy alone. The usual procedure is to take a wave guide section and make it gas tight by using a thin transparent mica seal at its flanges where it joins the adjacent plumbing section. Suitable fitting is provided to connect to a glass piping system for evacuation, inserting pressure, insertion and removal of samples, etc.

Fig. 4 is a map of the United States showing the principal activities and locations of the Atomic Energy program, together with their associated universities. Microwave spectroscopy is taking place at such activities as the Gaseous Diffusion Plant at Oak Ridge, Tennessee (Fig. 6) and the Brookhaven National Laboratory at former Camp Upton on Long Island. At Brookhaven National Laboratory, Dr. Victor W. Cohen heads the Nuclear Moment Laboratory where work is going on with microwave spectroscopy to study nuclear spins within the molecule. Fig. 7 shows a spectral line with the base line protuberances (two at each end). These are typical of phenomena under study for nuclear spins or moments. One of these studies is with the element Sulphur 32 as compared to the radioactive element Sulphur 35. The difference of three in its nuclear makeup accounting for its radioactivity is under study by means of microwave spectroscopy.

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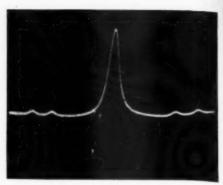


Fig. 7. A typical spectral line with indications of nuclear moments due to the nature of the molecule.

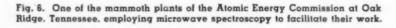
To name a few of the far-reaching applications for microwave spectroscopy as now undertaken or contemplated in various parts of the United States, the author has discovered the following in the course of his investigations during the past six months:

1. A leading oil company is engaging in the analysis of hydrocarbons. Their plan is to determine interatomic distances, molecular structure, molecular flexing, and rotation. They feel some of this phenomena occurs in the microwave region at approximately 50,000 megacycles, which should be possible to determine by shooting microwave energy through gas samples in a wave guide.

2. Dr. W. D. Hershberger of the RCA Laboratories in Princeton, N. J., is attempting frequency stabilization with microwave spectral lines involving use of the absorption frequency of ammonia at 23,780.1 megacycles.

3. Dr. Townes and staff of the Columbia Radiation Laboratory in New York are doing outstanding work in studying the absorption of a large number of elements and compounds. They are developing one of the most complete lists of absorption frequencies to facilitate identification.

4. The Western Regional Research Laboratory of the U.S. Department of Agriculture have a number of plans of attack for their newly acquired microwave spectroscopy equipment. One





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7. Some speak of the development of a push-button microwave microscope working with molecules of gas, liquids or solids. It is expected to perform many new functions that have been found impossible to do with the electron microscope, x-ray or spectrometers and spectrographs.

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The techniques are sufficiently straightforward as to also be practicable for the radio amateur utilizing his highest assigned frequencies such as 21,000 to 22,000 megacycles or to lone experimenters, since the simplest microwave spectroscope or microscope is a tube and a piece of pipe. Anything more than that makes for precision and refinement.







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One of Mr. Spencer's most cherished mementoes is a letter from Earl W. Lewis, chief engineer of station WTVJ in Miami, in which Mr. Lewis states: "This is confirmation of your reception of our television programs on the evening of April 27th, 1949. Your letter and one from Indianapolis are the greatest distance we have heard from thus far. Thanks very much for your interesting letter and appreciate the interest shown in the reception of our station.

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In the April edition, our International Short-wave Dept. reports, in error, that Canada has no facilities at present for utilizing the 21 mc. band. As stated by E. J. Clark, of the CBC International Service. Canada has 21 mc. antennas for transmission on this band to Africa as well as to South America and the West Indies. These antennas like all the antennas used at Sackville are curtain arrays. The 21 mc. antennas are the 4/4 type, i.e., four horizontal half-wave elements fed in-phase with four such stacks in the vertical plane giving a gain of approximately 20 db.

On page 45 of the April issue, Table 2, Fig. B and C were arranged incorrectly. They should be interchanged.

On page 110 of the May issue, the Ninth District Office should have been listed as being in Houston, Texas, and not Galve-The new address is: Federal Communications Commission, Engineer-incharge. District Nine. U. S. Appraiser. Store Bldg., 7300 Wingate St., Houston, Texas.

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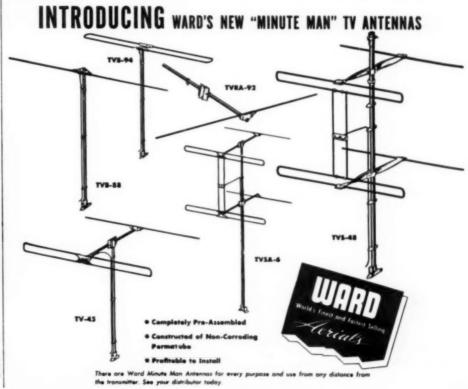
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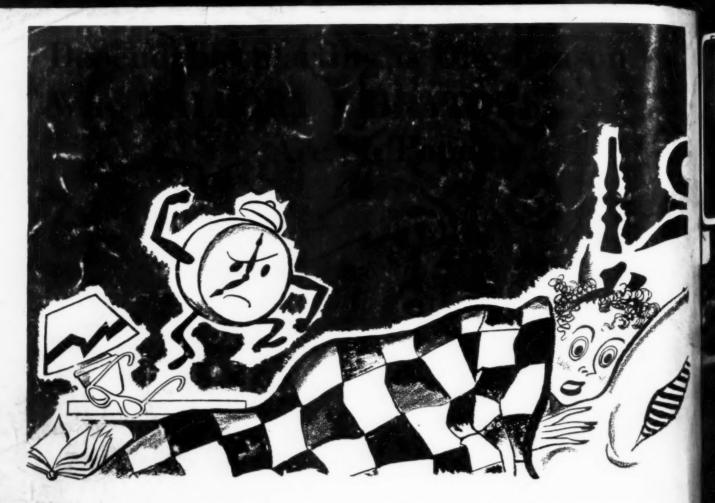
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